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Iraqi-Syrian pipeline to resume operation

DAMASCUS, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Deputy Prime Minister Jamil Shaya announced Tuesday that Iraq will resume pumping its oil across Syria, the Syrian News Agency Sana reported.

Shaya was speaking after a meeting with Iraqi Planning Minister Adnan Hussein on steps toward economic union between the two countries.

Iraq, which until last October was locked in bitter political conflict with its neighbor, stopped pumping its oil to the Syrian port of Banias in 1976.

The development followed a series of meetings by joint commissions after the two states formally shelved their differences.

Meanwhile the semi-official daily "Tishrin" said Tuesday agreement to reopen the pipeline was "one of the most important outcomes of the joint commissions meetings."

After halting the flow of oil to Syria the Iraqis built a

substitute oil pipeline to the Turkish coastal town of Iskenderun for oil exports.

Initially, the oil reportedly will be for Syrian domestic use, but the development appears to herald greater exports of Iraqi oil from the Mediterranean.

The agreement on the pipeline was part of a wide-ranging effort by the two countries to forge closer links in the fields of defense, foreign policy, culture, information and agriculture.

No date has been formally announced for the flow of oil to resume, but presumably it will begin following formal approval of the draft agreement by the Joint Syrian-Iraqi Political Committee, headed by Syrian President Hafez Assad and Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Bakr, which was expected to be convened in Damascus on Jan. 20.

"Tishrin" said the two presidents will also discuss a form of unity between their countries at their forthcoming meeting.

It said the coordination between the two countries "has gone beyond the national character of joint action... and aims at the establishment of a full unity and its constitutional formulae."

Tishrin said presidents Assad and Bakr will also discuss political development in the Middle East and Arab efforts to meet "the Zionist and imperialist plot against the Arab nation."

The paper added that the two countries' joint political and military committee, expected to unify the Syrian and Iraqi armies, would meet as soon as the Syrian Defense Minister, Maj. Gen. Mustapha Tlas returns from his current visit to Moscow.



COMMERCE MINISTERS: Crown Prince Fahd and a delegation of Arab Commerce ministers who called on him Tuesday at the conclusion of their meeting in Riyadh (See story on page two).

Fahd receives Arab ministers

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — They were introduced to the prince by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

Prince Fahd assured the ministers that Saudi policy aims at "broadening the base" of economic and trade coordination among Gulf states.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Rashad Pharaon, special adviser to the King.

Peace treaty efforts shifting to autonomy for Gaza Strip

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 — The focus of quiet diplomatic efforts to reach an Egyptian-Israeli peace has shifted to the question of autonomy for the Gaza Strip, Egyptian sources said here Tuesday.

After several weeks of U.S.-sponsored mediation efforts — following up last month's meeting of Egyptian and Israeli officials in Brussels — Egypt now says it will resume formal negotiations only if agreement is reached beforehand on the time-table and details of autonomy in Gaza.

Under heavy American pressure to sign a peace treaty as soon as possible, Egypt is now willing to resume talks with Israel if the Israelis agree to set a date for the election of a Gaza self-governing authority as a first step leading to autonomy for the West Bank.

Egyptian officials here say Israel has agreed in principle to a timetable for Gaza elections, but major differences remain over the powers to be granted to the proposed Gaza authority.

Israel wants the authority to have severely limited powers, but Egypt is insisting the proposed Gaza council have broad controls over such key areas as water resources and land.

If Egypt and Israel do not reach preliminary agreement on this question, the peace talks will not be resumed, the sources said.

If the negotiations are resumed, the question of a timetable for West Bank autonomy still remains to be solved.

Israel is demanding that treaty language on a timetable for West Bank elections be kept intentionally vague, using the phraseology "as early as possible." Egypt still insists on the use of the phrase "no later than (a mutually agreed date)."

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"They will be recognized as

Israel will authorize West Bank settlement

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — The government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin indicated Tuesday it will permit the establishment of a new Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank in the near future.

No definite time or place was set for the settlement, but Begin was reported in favor of the establishment of the settlement within two months.

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U.S. sources: Washington advised Shah to leave Iran

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — In a policy shift, the United States has advised the Shah that his temporary departure from the country would improve the prospects for a restoration of order, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the decision was reached after it became apparent that the installation of a new civilian government was not producing a significant easing of tensions in Iran.

Other sources said the U.S. position amounts to a de facto recognition that the Shah's departure would be permanent since his return to Iran could trigger off a new wave of strikes and violence.

Since taking office last Saturday, the government of Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar has been plagued by continued street unrest, strikes and attacks from opposition groups which have accused Bakhtiar of selling out to the monarchy.

According to sources, the Shah's departure also could defuse Iran's oil industry strike, which has led to a suspension of oil exports for the past several weeks and caused considerable concern in the United States and other oil importing countries.

Reports from Tehran in recent days have indicated that the Shah plans to leave the country on a vacation but there has been no official confirmation.

The sources said that the policy change was telephoned to U.S. Ambassador William Sullivan, who talks almost daily to the Shah in Tehran. His former instructions were to be noncommittal on the subject of the Shah leaving or staying.

In the present situation, it is regarded as unlikely that the Shah would return to Iran, so even a short "vacation" would be tantamount to a permanent departure.

However, a U.S. task force, operating under Under Secretary of State David Newsom, came to the conclusion that a new government would have a much better chance of giving a credible image of independence if the Shah were not in the country.

The policy change followed a practically non-stop debate within the administration and appears to mean that the State Department has come to the conclusion that the Shah has no future in his own country, whatever the outcome of the current crisis.

Iran's fledgling civilian government was plunged into a major crisis Tuesday with the news that its key minister had declined to take up his post.

As Tehran's first winter snow blanketed the capital, reliable political sources said former army Gen. Fereidoun Jam had turned down the war ministry portfolio.

Jam, a retired army commander, flew back to Tehran from London last Saturday for the first time in several years to take up the key post in the cabinet.

His task would have been to act as broker between the army and the liberal government now engaged in a last ditch political attempt to save the Shah's throne while slashing his power after a year of growing revolt.

Jam was listed in the new civilian cabinet as war minister, but the sources said he was planning to leave without even taking up the job.

Newspapers Tuesday quoted Bakhtiar as saying he was trying to persuade him to give it a try "and I hope it will result in him starting his work as soon as possible."

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In Damascus Hoss, Khaddam plan 'coordination' talks

BEIRUT, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Salim Hoss will visit Damascus later this week for policy-coordination with Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, government sources said Tuesday.

They said the two men discussed the imminent visit over the telephone Tuesday and "agreement in principle was reached for Hoss to go to Damascus Saturday."

High on the agenda of the Syrian-Lebanese talks will be the Beirut government's plans to widen its security grip over the country and the implementation of recent resolutions adopted by a meeting of Arab foreign ministers and endorsed by the Lebanese cabinet.

The resolutions call for the disarmament of the various Lebanese right-wing and left-wing militia forces and the normalization of Palestinian commando relations with the Lebanese state.

These relations were discussed Tuesday by Hoss and Palestinian leader Abu Iyad who expressed support for the stationing of Lebanese army regulars in the troubled southern border region.

After the meeting Abu Iyad said the commando movement favors the army's presence in the embattled area "because this would be better than the presence there of (rightist rebel commander) Saad Haddad."

Abu Iyad is number two man in the Fatah commando group.

In the south, meanwhile, Israeli troops in tanks and half-track vehicles are making regular night patrols inside Lebanon, United Nations sources said Monday.

It was the first report of regular Israeli patrols in southern Lebanon since Israel's forces withdrew from the area after their invasion last March.

The sources said the Israelis were operating in 10-man units along a road parallel to the Israeli border and running west from the border village of Ramise.

No further details of the Israeli troops movements were immediately available.

A U.N. officer also reported that rightist militias have moved.

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PNC to meet without West Bank delegates

DAMASCUS, Jan. 9 (R) — The Palestinian National Council, will be convened here Monday without the participation of representatives from the Israeli-occupied West Bank following a travel ban imposed on them by the Jewish state, it was announced Tuesday.

Council speaker Khaled Fahoum, making the announcement, added that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) also did not invite the representatives because it wanted them to remain in the West Bank "facing the occupation."

Fahoum reported that in addition to banning council members in the West Bank from travelling to the Syrian capital for the meeting, the Israeli authorities also had threatened to prevent the return of those who attended anyway.

Fahoum said invitations had been sent to 293 members of the council and to a number of Arab and friendly countries, organizations and parties.

The council would discuss a political report on the continuation of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's policy, the question of unity among Palestinian organizations and the new PLO budget following the considerable financial support agreed by Arab leaders at their summit in Baghdad in November, he added.

Soviets recognize new Cambodia regime

BANGKOK, Jan. 9 (R) — The Soviet Union Tuesday recognized the Peoples Revolutionary Council, set up in Phnom Penh Monday, as the legal government of Cambodia.

The official news agency Tass said in Moscow, that a message from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Alexei Kosygin described the council as "the sole legitimate government of Kampuchea (Cambodia)."

The Kremlin leaders addressed their greetings to the chairman of the eight-member council, Heng Samrin, it said.

They extended congratulations on behalf of the Supreme Soviet (parliament), the Soviet government and people on "the victory of the revolutionary patriotic forces," it added.

Earlier Tuesday, Vietnam and Laos recognized the Peoples Revolutionary Council, as the legal government of Cambodia.

In Phnom Penh, the eight-member council announced its formation after a two-week blitzkrieg by Cambodian rebels backed by Vietnam swept the Khmer Rouge government of Prime Minister Pol Pot out of the city on Sunday.

The council claims it controls the whole of Cambodia but Western diplomatic sources in Bangkok said there were still large areas of the country — in the north, northwest, west and southwest — not in the hands of the insurgents or their Vietnamese allies.

Military sources reported small arms and light artillery fire during the night and two aircraft identified as Soviet-built MiG-21s — a type known to have been supplied to Vietnam —

dropped three bombs on the Thai side of the frontier Tuesday afternoon. No damage was caused.

The Western sources could not confirm reports of widespread airstrikes in Cambodia by the Vietnamese air force, but said they felt it likely that bombing was still going on.

On each of the two days before the fall of Phnom Penh the Vietnamese flew more than 100 airstrikes against Cambodian positions, the sources said.

The Vietnamese push on the capital was so fast that many government units were bypassed and it was likely that airstrikes against them and units in other areas not involved in the assault were continuing, they said.

But it was not clear how many government units were intact or what their strength was and it was difficult to assess the level of resistance, the sources added.

Former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk, in Tokyo on his way to the United Nations to lay charges of aggression against Vietnam on behalf of the Pol Pot government, said Vietnamese backed forces controlled all but two Cambodian towns but Pol Pot forces controlled the countryside.

There has been no hard news of Pol Pot, his Deputy Prime Minister Ieng Sary or other Cambodian leaders, since they left the capital.

Prince Sihanouk said in Peking, first stop on his trip to New York, that Pol Pot was still in Cambodia and would carry out his promise to wage a guerrilla war to the end.

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Ministers urge action on price discrimination

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Commerce ministers from Gulf countries meeting here Tuesday called for comprehensive studies by Gulf countries on alleged overpricing of goods by foreign companies.

At its closing session at King Faisal Conference Hall, the ministers recommended that international consultants be commissioned to survey prices of manufactured and consumer goods charged to Gulf countries.

Earlier Sunday, a committee of experts for the conference had alleged that foreign companies and trading blocs were using the rise in the price of oil to justify discriminatory increases in the prices of goods to Gulf countries.

The conference was attended by ministers from Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman and was chaired by Saudi Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

Common

In a series of recommendations issued here Tuesday evening to improve commercial cooperation between Gulf countries as a first step toward the formation of a Gulf "common market," the ministers approved a proposal by Saudi Arabia that it study the feasibility of a multilateral trade and economic treaty between Gulf countries. This would eventually abrogate present bilateral agreements.

The ministers offered encouragement for the speedy formations of a Gulf Chamber of Commerce, possibly at the meeting of the Federation of Gulf Chambers later this year.

They also recommended a study on coordinating trade regulations and methods in Gulf countries. Both studies will be submitted to the ministers at their conference next year in Kuwait.

At the same time, obstacles to trade caused by varying standards and specifications in manufactured and other goods are to be examined at a special meeting of the standards organizations of the Gulf countries. The meeting's findings will be submitted to the Kuwait conference.

Food

Regarding food imports, on which all Gulf countries are heavily dependent, the ministers proposed a survey of individual requirements for possible joint import of major bulk needs. This will enable Gulf countries draw up a common policy for creating a strategic stockpile of food.

A committee of food importers will be set up to examine the question.

The conference also called for coordination in positions in such international trade forums as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT). The ministers aligned themselves with the demands of the developing countries for a "common fund" to maintain price of raw materials. The ministers further noted the need for a suitable climate for the sale of Gulf manufactured products when the major petrochemical projects come onstream.

The ministers also proposed stricter monitoring of trade malpractices by foreign firms and shipping companies through individual chambers of commerce (and eventually the Gulf chamber) and stronger deterrent measures.



CONFERENCE ENDS: Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi greeting Gulf ministers of commerce at a special luncheon on the closing day of their conference.

Health, education

Fahd okays children's year program

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Tuesday approved a health and education program proposed by a national committee to mark the

United Nations International Year of the Child, 1979.

The program includes a three-month campaign of children's vaccination against polio, tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough which will be preceded by a publicity campaign in the press and on radio and television. Seminars will also be held on child health.

The program also includes activities in primary education and information.

Deputy Minister of Education Prince Khaled ibn Fahd ibn Khaled presided over the committee meetings at the end of September. The committee includes representatives from the Ministries of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Planning, Information, Health Labor and Social Affairs and Riyadh University and the General Directorate for Women's Education.

It was also proposed that it be a permanent committee to be headed by a minister.

Meanwhile, the Youth Welfare Presidency has completed young people's social club for the village of 'Ghat', north of Riyadh, at a cost of SR 67 million.

Gulf agencies view drug abuse

JEDDAH, Jan. 9 — A conference of national anti-narcotics organizations in the Gulf began in Kuwait Monday, "Al-Jazirah" newspaper reported Tuesday. The two-day conference will study a number of reports on the strengthening of cooperation among the various organizations, with a view to combating the spread of drug abuse among young people of the Gulf.

Those participating include delegations from Gulf countries and observers from the United States, India and international anti-narcotics organizations.

Local briefs

● BURAIQA, (SPA) — Executives from the two companies building a SR430 million military secondary school in west of Qasim airport were called Tuesday by the acting governor Sheikh Saad ibn Muhammad ibn Sultan to meet heads of government departments in Qasim. A SR-495 million contract was signed recently for a similar school in Wadi Al-Dawasir.

● JEDDAH, (SPA) — A delegation from the Islamic Solidarity Fund, an autonomous body within the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference will shortly visit Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Senegal and Gabon to raise contributions.

● JEDDAH, (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz Tuesday received at his office a delegation from the U.S. firm Union Carbide.

● MECCA — Gen. Jaber Abdul Hafiz told "Okaz" Tuesday that the Ministry of the Interior would shortly launch a new series of campaigns to deport illegal immigrants here.

● JEDDAH, (SPA) — Visiting Chinese Minister of Economy Chang Kwang-shih Tuesday inspected the site of Jeddah's new airport and Jeddah Port.

● RIYADH, (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday awarded the King Faisal Medal third class, to Maj. Gen. Hashim Muhammad Abdul Rahman, director general of traffic patrols, in appreciation of his outstanding performance of duty.

Addresses students

Algosaibi to launch sulfuric acid scheme

By Staff Reporters

DAMMAM, Jan. 9 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi Wednesday will preside at groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sulfuric acid plant, to be built by the Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Company (SAFCO).

The company told "Arab News" Tuesday that the 100,000-ton a year plant will commence production by the first quarter of 1980.

A SR31 million contract for the design, engineering, installation and commissioning of the plant was signed by SAFCO in July last year with Sim-Chem of the United Kingdom. The plant will use sulfur produced by two Petroleum sulfur recovery units now under construction at Jubail.

In addition to the Sim-Chem contract, SAFCO will eventually spend another SR10-12 million on off-site and ancillary facilities for the plant and in construction of an acid storage and loading berth at King Abdul Aziz Port in Damman.

Dr. Algosaibi will also visit the SAFCO fertilizer plant to mark record production in 1978. SAFCO exceeded into 1978 production target by more than 10,000 tons.

Tuesday night, Dr. Algosaibi delivered a lecture to more than 400 students, faculty and community members at King Faisal University here. In an address entitled "The minister and the administrative challenges", Dr. Algosaibi spoke of particular problems ministers face in Saudi Arabia, where development is going forward at speed. As an example, the minister said power generating capacity in the Kingdom's larger cities had increased by 50 per cent in the last year—against an international norm of 4-7 per cent.

Woman donates SR 1m to charity

RIYADH, Jan. 9 — An anonymous woman has contributed SR1 million to the Riyadh Philanthropic Society for distribution to charitable associations around the country, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, the society's president said Tuesday.

In such conditions, Dr. Algosaibi said, a competent administration is more than ever vital. For the minister, administrative ability and an understanding of human behaviour is more important than technical expertise. At present, however, shortage of trained staff and subordinates shy of responsibility have meant that a large number of relatively

minor matters still go to the minister for decision.

All for one

JEDDAH, Jan. 9 — Nine hundred women were due to be interviewed Tuesday evening for the post of women's customs inspector at Riyadh Airport, "Al-Jazirah" reported Tuesday. There is one vacancy.



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Kurdish exiles blame Iraq for Vienna murder attempt

VIENNA, Jan. 9 (R)—The top leader of Kurdistan's top nationalist group has escaped unhurt Monday night when Kurdish forces Tuesday called a murder attempt by secret agents.

Two Kurdish refugees were injured as they left a block of flats in a Vienna suburb after a secret rendezvous with Masoud Barzani, a leading figure in the Kurdish Democratic Party.

ice president of Iraq arrives for Paris talks

PARIS, Jan. 9 (R)—Iraqi President Taha Murtadha Masrouf arrived Tuesday for talks with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and other leaders on boosting political, economic and industrial cooperation.

Iraq, which has ordered an experimental atomic reactor in France, is also seeking nuclear plans in exchange for oil, officials said.

Masrouf was greeted by Prime Minister Raymond Barre and senior cabinet ministers when he arrived at Orly airport.

The vice president and prime minister immediately began talks expected to pave the way for a visit to France by Vice Chairman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) Saddam Hussein.

The talks may lead to a vi-

Police said they had no clues but were carrying out widespread enquiries to track down two men who apparently lay in wait for Barzani in a dingy back-street while he talked with a group of fellow exiles.

Barzani, son of the legendary Mullah Mustapha Barzani who led a Kurdish revolt against Iraq for 13 years, was still inside the house when

the gunmen opened fire. One of the two men hit by pistol shots, Muhammad Nagib Azat, 32, was shot in the stomach. The other man, Ahmad Ibrahim Piro, a Vienna medical student was shot in the leg. The hospital said neither was in danger.

Barzani, aged about 35, was reported to be visiting Vienna to meet some of the 100 Kurdish exiles working or studying in Austria. He is a leading member of the 16-man provisional leadership of the exiled Kurdistan Democratic Party.

Police said they assumed the attack was directed against Barzani, and that the assailants opened fire about 11 p.m. thinking he was one of three men leaving a Kurdish flat in Vienna's Meidling suburb. Five bullet holes were visible in the entrance of the apartment house Tuesday.

K.D.P. officials in Vienna and London accused the Iraqi government of sending armed agents to Europe to watch and assassinate leading exiles, but the charge was immediately called a lie by the Iraqi Embassy here.

Party spokesman Mohammad Arif, a Vienna student, who said he saw the attack, said, "We in the K.D.P. are quite sure this was an attempt against Barzani's son organized in cooperation with the Iraqi secret service."

Arif said his statement was based on "information coming from our home country."

It has ordered 36 French Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers and is interested in France's new combat aircraft, the Mirage 2000, due for production in 1982.

The Baghdad government is also negotiating to buy the French Crotale anti-aircraft missile.

Barre visited Baghdad in June, 1977 and French Defense Minister Yvon Bourges went there last year to wrap up a major arms deal. Iraqi Defense Minister Adnan Khatirallah Talafah is expected in Paris shortly for further talks, officials said.

isillusioned by treatment

ailed Hoveyda puzzled by opposition

TEHRAN, Jan. 9 (R)—Iranian Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoveyda, jailed for an indefinite period last November under martial law, has been quoted as saying he did not know why anyone spoke ill of him.

Hoveyda said in an interview with a journalist who visited him Monday he was disillusioned that a regime's service to a country had landed him in prison.

It was Iran's prime minister for nearly 13 years until he was dismissed last August, blamed by the opposition for causing much of the dissatisfaction which has fueled unrest.

In London Monday, former Iranian Prime Minister Sa'ik Mahdi said he had met Ayatollah Khomeini in Paris last month to express his sup-

port. Mahdi, who once tried to overthrow President Jastar Nureddin, returned to join his government in 1977 under a presidential amnesty but resigned in October last year. Mahdi said he met the Ayatollah, the Shah's main reli-

gious opponent, on Dec. 22. "I expressed solidarity with the Iranian revolution whose aim we take to be the revival of Islam in a modern context... to end the unholy alliance of Iran, Israel and South Africa."

He said it was "scandalous



ADVANCE: Turkish troops advance on rioters during widespread disturbances last month that led to the imposition of martial law.—(AP Photo)

2nd disaster in 5 days

30 die in Turkish train crash

ANKARA, Jan. 9 (R)—At least 30 people died and almost 100 were injured when a commuter train slammed into the back of another near here Tuesday in Turkey's second big rail disaster in five days.

Officials said the crowded coaches of a stalled passenger train were engulfed by fire after the early morning crash, and some of the bodies were burnt beyond recognition. So far only nine had been identified.

Sixteen people were killed and over 100 injured in a crash between two express trains near the Turkish capital on Thursday night.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said Tuesday it was time for a comprehensive investigation of the causes of both incidents, while sources said the possibility of sabotage could not be ruled out.

Officials attributed Tuesday's high death toll to the fact that the engine of the approaching train rammed directly into carriages crowded with people on their way to work in the capital.

Eyewitnesses said the fire started immediately in the heating unit of the second train, which was placed directly behind the engine. It quickly engulfed the carriages of the stalled train, which had stopped with engine trouble at the small station of Behicbey, about 20 kilometers from Ankara's main terminal.

Hospital officials said large numbers of the injured suffered severe burns.

Troops joined rescue workers in grappling with the wreckage in a temperature of minus 18 centigrade.

Ecevit, speaking to reporters after Tuesday's incident,

said "the fact that two train accidents have occurred immediately after each other leads one to consider every possibility."

This latest crash coincided with the opening of the National Railways Congress here, which is to make study of Turkey's state-run railways.

Informed sources said such a study was considered necessary in view of the government's policy of shifting a major portion of the country's transportation system to rail and skipping lines to save costly oil.

Egypt suffers cold snap

CAIRO, Jan. 9 (AP)—Egypt is in the midst of a cold snap because of chilly winds blowing down from Europe that have caused unusually low temperatures, heavy rain, five-meter high waves and a hail storm in the Mediterranean city of Damietta, where offshore waves rose to five meters.

Israelis, Arabs bust out of jail

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9 (R)—Police have launched a major manhunt for seven Arab and Jewish prisoners who escaped from Ramle Jail. The Arabs were identified as Gamal Mahmoud Sulian, a West Bank resident serving a 23-year sentence on security charges, and his brother, Naim, sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. The others were Israelis serving from 17 years to life for murder and armed robbery.

19 killed under Turkish martial law

ANKARA, Jan. 9 (AP)—Nineteen persons have been killed in 118 incidents in the Turkish provinces placed under martial law two weeks ago to stem widespread political terrorism, the government said Monday.

Aegean dispute talks open

VIENNA, Jan. 9 (UPI)—Turkey and Greece opened a new round of talks Tuesday on the long pending problem of their frontier in the Aegean Sea. The negotiations are concentrating on the so-called "continental shelf," the territory under the surface where rich oil deposits are believed.

Qaddafi sends message to Amin

NAIROBI, Jan. 9 (R)—Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi has sent a personal message to President Idi Amin, Uganda Radio reported Tuesday. Diplomats in Nairobi said it could be linked to a recent Ugandan allegation that Libya is supplying arms to Tanzania, which is engaged in a border conflict with Uganda.

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Peking, Djibouti set up ties

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (AP)—China and Djibouti have established diplomatic relations and will exchange ambassadors as soon as possible. China's official Hsinhua news agency reported Tuesday.

Hsinhua said agreement was reached in Paris last Friday between Chinese Ambassador Han Ke-hua and Djibouti Ambassador Ahmad Ibrahim Abdi.

Iraqi president confers with 2 Palestine leaders

BAGHDAD, Jan. 9 (UPI)—Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al Bakr Tuesday met separately with the leaders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), the Iraqi news agency (INA) said.

The meetings with the PFLP leader George Habash, and the PLF leader Abul Abbas, dealt with the latest developments in the Middle East, and the Syrian-Iraqi agreement of last October that proposed an eventual union between the two countries and its reflections on the Palestinian revolution.

The Iraqi agency later reported that North Yemeni Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Ali Sheebah left Baghdad after a visit during which he attended the country's Army Day.

After reunification with mainland

Taiwan can keep its army, Teng says

PEKING, Jan. 9 (AP) — Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping told American senators Tuesday China would not require Taiwan to disarm and that it could maintain its security forces after reunification with the mainland, according to senators who attended the meeting.

He told a Senate task force on Pacific military matters headed by Sen. Sam Nunn that China also favored an expanded American naval presence in the western Pacific, strengthening of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces and the possibility of defense cooperation by members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to meet the threat of growing Soviet military strength in the Far East.

During the two-hour meeting, Teng, who is also armed forces chief of staff, said the United States should be willing to talk to North Korea and that North Korea would be willing to talk to the South Korean government as long as opposition parties were included.



Teng Hsiao-ping

Nunn told reporters afterward he regarded the offer to let Taiwan maintain its armed forces as well as its social and economic way of life as "very important." He said the U.S. Liaison Office people there said it marked a considerable advance from past Chinese policy.

Nunn said Teng told the senators China will continue to

assist the Pol Pot regime and Cambodian forces in Cambodia and that China does not regard the fall of Phnom Penh as "the end of the struggle."

But Sen. Gary Hart (D-Ohio) said it was his strong impression that the fate of the fallen Cambodian regime was "not a matter of ultimate critical importance" to China and its well being. He said Teng and other Chinese committee had talked to had expressed concern but were pragmatic and did not "regard it as the end of the world."

Teng told the senators he had already sent what he described as several reasonable messages to Taiwanese leaders but did not say if he had had a reply.

Teng reaffirmed China's policy "to seek a peaceful reunification of Taiwan and China," Nunn said, but the possibility of the use of force was not mentioned on grounds that it "would reduce the prospects for Taiwan entering into serious negotiations."

Teng said the circumstances where force might be used in-

cluded an indefinite refusal to enter into negotiations and an attempt by the Soviet Union to interfere in Taiwanese affairs.

"This later possibility," Nunn said, "was regarded as highly unlikely."

Nunn added that the senators got the impression that China's overriding desire is to settle the Taiwan problem peacefully and that force was something remote to their thinking for some time to come.

It was Teng's first meeting with American senators since normalization went into effect New Year's Day.

He was also quoted as saying that the moves toward democracy represented by the wall poster campaign in Peking could continue in China for generations without restriction.

"However," Teng said, "China does not believe that discussions among nations of their respective human rights are useful."

Sen. William Cohen (R-Maine), said he saw problems in Congress over the Chinese attitude when legislation comes up proposing favorable trade concessions which call for the observance of human rights.

Nunn said there were different attitudes in different countries toward this problem and that not all agree with President Carter's policy.

"It is one of the facts of life and we are not going to abrogate the program," Nunn said.

Hart expressed his "personal amazement" at the increase in wall poster candor and discussions about democracy in the streets compared with a previous visit two years ago.

On the subject of Soviet military power, Nunn said, "specific concern was expressed" and that Teng noted the build-up of a threat to China but an even greater threat to Japan and the United States.

But Nunn said that China does not regard Soviet ground forces in the Far East as large enough to undertake what Nunn called "a massive, decisive invasion of China." He said that Teng indicated the principle focus of Soviet military power lies in Europe and the Middle East.



CHANNEL PATROL: Naval vessels patrol the Beagle Channel off the south of South America, the area disputed between Argentina and Chile. The threat of war between the two states over territorial rights appears to have receded after they agreed Monday night to submit to mediation.

Submitting to mediation

Argentina, Chile war averted

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 9 (AP) — Argentina and Chile agreed Monday night to withdraw troops and battle fleets from their 2,600-mile border and submit their conflict over islands and maritime rights at the tip of the continent to Vatican mediation.

The agreement, achieved through two weeks of shuttle diplomacy by Vatican diplomat Antonio Cardinal Samore, was signed here by foreign ministers Carlos Pastor of Argentina and Hernan Cubillos of Chile in their first meeting since direct talks broke off Dec. 12.

The two military regimes had strengthened patrols on Andean mountain passes and sent warships to the cold southern waters after Argentina rejected a May 1977 British arbitration ruling that awarded three of the disputed islands to Chile.

Diplomats credited Samore, a 73-year-old expert on Latin America, with averting armed conflict by finding a basis for mediation. He arrived in Argentina Dec. 26 and made four

trips across the Andes, meeting with officials of both governments.

They agreed to refrain from using armed force and to "make a gradual return to the military situation existing at the beginning of 1977" while the Vatican studies both countries' positions on the century-old quar-

Huey Fong refugees organize for long wait off Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Jan. 9 (AP)

— Some 3,000 Vietnamese refugees on the Huey Fong, a battered Taiwanese freighter just outside Hong Kong, have organized into groups to impose discipline, prevent the spread of disease and supervise food rationing, a refugee representative reported Tuesday.

"It looks like we are going to stay here for a while. We may as well get ourselves organized," Chou Hsien-muo said by radiotelephone.

The 2,290-ton ship was denied permission to enter Hong

Kong Dec. 23 because its export of salt was knobshung in Taiwan and not the colony. It has been anchored about 1.5 kilometers off Hong Kong in international waters.

Chou said the emergency medical unit treated more than 300 sick refugees Tuesday alone. "Most of them are elderly people and children suffering from colds, diarrhea and stomach ailments," he said.

He said medical facilities on board are inadequate but do give patients temporary relief. The Hong Kong government

said additional medical supplies including 500 diarrhea tablets, 20 gallons of disinfectant and 300 cakes of antiseptic soap were airlifted to the ship.

Commenting on the general health condition of the refugees, Chou said, "what do you expect? We have been at sea for more than 20 days and more than 80 per cent of us are in very weak condition."

Chou said that despite the food supplied by the Hong Kong authorities, the refugees subsist mostly on biscuits and bread.

Prosecution to demand death in Gacy mass murder trial

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (R) — The prosecution says it will seek the electric chair for John Gacy, accused of seven murders and suspected of killing 32 young men.

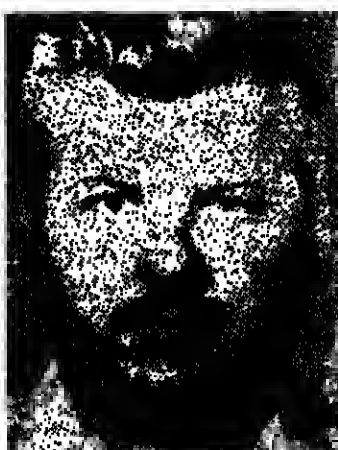
Illinois State's Attorney Bernard Carey said Monday he would ask for the death sentence if 36-year-old Gacy, who had already spent 18 months in jail for assault, had been indicted by a grand jury on charges of murdering seven youths of between 15 and 20.

The 23-member grand jury is expected to hand down more murder indictments later this week against Gacy, a twice-divorced Chicago building contractor.

Gacy told police when arrested that he had strangled 32 young men.

Police uncovered one of the biggest mass murders in American history when they dug up 27 bodies at Gacy's suburban bungalow last month. Several of the corpses had ropes around their necks.

Gacy said he dumped the five other victims in the Des Plaines River, according to police. But only two bodies have been fished out so far.



John Gacy

Gacy, regarded by his neighbors as a congenial, hard-working and soft-hearted man who liked to give parties and dress up as a clown, is due to be formally charged in court Wednesday.

Tight security will be in force. The authorities failed to produce Gacy for his last scheduled court appearance Dec. 29 because of fears for his safety.

But the venue has been switched since then from a suburban Des Plaines courtroom which doubles as a local council chamber to the main criminal court next to the prison hospital, where Gacy is held in an isolation cell.

Carey said he would oppose any attempt by Gacy's lawyer to have the trial moved out of Chicago.

Defense lawyer Sam Amante has already said it would be practically impossible for Gacy to get a fair trial because of prejudicial publicity. But Carey said he thought an impartial jury be found in Chicago.

Cuban exiles face life

Letelier case jury selection begins

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP) — With bomb-sniffing dogs patrolling the federal courthouse, jury selection began Tuesday to the trial of three anti-Castro Cubans accused in the assassination of former Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier.

Before selection of 12 jurors and six alternates got underway, lawyers were prepared to argue motions to suppress evidence seized by the FBI from a building leased by the defendants.

The extraordinary security, which includes metal detectors,

an x-ray machine and briefcase searches, was imposed by U.S. marshals after death threats to the judge and prosecutors, officials say.

Letelier, ambassador to the United States from 1971 through 1973, was killed in Washington Sept. 21, 1976, when a remote-control bomb exploded in his car. The blast also killed Ronni Moffitt, a co-worker, also in the car as it moved around a traffic circle lined with embassies.

Letelier served the leftist Chilean regime of Salvador Allende, who was killed in a 1973 military coup. When killed at age 44, Letelier was an internationally known critic of the military junta that succeeded Allende. He was working at a left-wing research institute in Washington.

WHO retreats on smallpox virus safety

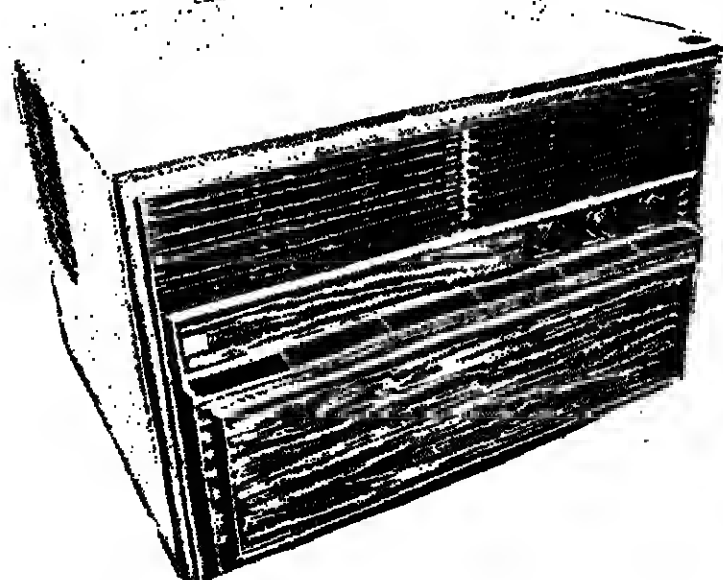
GENEVA, Jan. 9 (R) — The World Health Organization has qualified its report last week that five of the world's 10 laboratories holding smallpox viruses fell short of WHO safety recommendations.

Although the five did not fulfill the stringent WHO safety code, their security measures might nevertheless be of a high standard, it said.

The labs named last week were the Bayerische Landesimpfstoffwerk in Munich, the American Type Culture in Rockville, Maryland; the National Institute of Virology in Sandringham, South Africa; the Research Institute of Viral Preparations in Moscow; and the Rijks Institute at Bilthoven in Holland.

The WHO said Tuesday that two of the 10 labs stored the deadly "variola" virus for research, while the other eight kept it in a frozen inanimate state and did not actively use it.

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Madrid judge gunned down; killers disappear in traffic

MADRID, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Terrorists stepped out of a bus stop crowd and shot dead a Spanish supreme court judge Tuesday as he approached his official car.

The slaying of Miguel Cruz Cuena, 67, was apparently the sixth political killing to Spain this year.

Witnesses said two gunmen fired pistols at the judge, then ran through traffic to a getaway car on another street.

Brezhnev may lobby senators for SALT

MOSCOW, Jan. 9 (UPI) — A group of U.S. Senate Republicans will meet with President Leonid Brezhnev Wednesday for discussions that almost certainly will include the strategic arms limitation talks.

The delegation, headed by Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, arrived in Moscow Monday.

Two members of the group, Baker and Sen. John C. Danforth of Missouri, toured a Soviet truck plant Tuesday.

They watched workers mount flathead, six-cylinder engines onto trucks in what Baker called a "good-looking production line."

The official reason for the senators' visit was in response to an invitation by the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament.

The group includes Sens. John Tower of Texas, Jake Garn of Utah, S.I. Hayakawa of California and Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming.

The new SALT treaty is expected to be completed this year and will then go to the Senate for consideration.

Baker said the Republicans wanted to collect information for what appears almost certainly a heated debate.

The killers wore parkas like those worn last week by the killers of Madrid's military governor, immediately suggesting another attack by Basque separatists seeking to provoke army intervention against Spain's civilian government.

Cruz, 67, died instantly, police said, a few meters from the entrance to his apartment on a busy Madrid street.

His wife came upon his body as she left the apartment.

a few minutes later, police said.

It was the second killing of a jurist in less than two months and came amidst calls by right-wingers and some military officers for a military takeover to stop the bloodshed.

Cruz had been president of the Sixth Chamber of the Supreme Court since last February. Associates said he was not active politically.

Police said the killing bore a marked resemblance to last Wednesday's murder of Maj. Gen. Constantino Ordoñez Gil, the Madrid military governor.

The Basque separatist organization ETA said it killed Gen. Ordoñez Gil and the other four people murdered since Jan. 2. In Tuesday's assassination, two young gunmen used exactly the same sort of white car to make their escape as in last Wednesday's shooting.

King Juan Carlos was informed immediately of the killing but stuck to his schedule to address officers at a new army training school in the capital.

Police said four empty pistol shells were found near the judge's body.

Police reinforced road blocks which have been there since last Wednesday as part of the hunt for the killers of the Madrid military governor.

Judge Cruz was slain at 10:15 a.m., the hour he normally departed for his office in the justice ministry.

ETA has made a trademark of killing police, government officials and military men who follow a regular pattern of leaving or arriving home.

The organization's initials in the Basque language stand for Basque Land and Liberty.

The latest shooting poses fresh problems for the government of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, which is trying to guide newly democratic Spain peacefully towards general elections next March 1.



MURDER SCENE: The place where Judge Miguel Cruz Cuena was murdered in Madrid is covered with paper after the slaying.

Microphones stay on for Rome radio raid

ROME, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Masked gunmen burst into a radio station here Tuesday, wounded two employees and set the studio alight with gas bombs, police said.

Listeners to Radio Future City — a privately-owned station with an extreme left-wing policy — heard the presenter break off to shout "help, help, they are killing us all."

There was then an explosion.

Police said three or four men broke into the studios.

They fired shots from pistols and a machinegun, wounding two female employees, and

then tossed petrol bombs.

Hospital sources said one of the women was wounded in the chest and was in a serious condition. Three other people were also taken to hospital suffering from burns or shock.

Firemen extinguished the blaze but Radio Future City, one of many private transmitters which have sprung up in Italy in recent years, stayed off the air.

Roadblocks were thrown up around the area and police later reported finding the car used by the gunmen abandoned about one kilometer away.

Rhodesia burned village houses

SALISBURY, Jan. 9 (UPI) — In the first admission of its kind, Rhodesia has said its troops — using far-reaching martial law powers — have burned down the homes of rural blacks who had given shelter to black insurgents.

The admission came in a communique issued Monday amid what sources described as a mounting cycle of violence which has significantly heightened the suffering of rural blacks.

The communique said troops operating in a tribal trust land in eastern Rhodesia first moved from their homes black civilians who had harbored guerrillas and, as a result, had been ordered to move voluntarily a month ago.

Then, "under the powers conferred by martial law, security forces destroyed a large number of their huts to prevent re-occupation," the communique said.

It said one building set alight by troops housed guerrilla explosives which blew up, demolishing the structure.

In the eastern border town of Umtali, residents said Monday they saw Hawker Hunter fighter-bombers streak into neighboring Mozambique where thousands of black Rhodesian insurgents enjoy sanctuary, on anti-guerrilla operations.

On Rhodesian soil, troops have killed 41 guerrillas in clashes that claimed the lives of two black civilians and two Rhodesian servicemen, the communique said, adding insurgents have murdered four black civilians.

Daring bid frees wrong prisoners

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 9 (AP) — A daring attempt to free three American women jailed on drug charges failed Monday when the would-be rescuers escaped with the wrong prisoners, authorities reported. The three women were among seven North Americans arrested last month on charges of possessing more than 38 pounds of cocaine.

Alleged leader of OAS dies

PARIS, Jan. 9 (R) — A French general once jailed on suspicion of leading an extremist group opposed to Algerian independence has died in a Paris hospital, his family has said. Gen. Paul Vanuxem, 74, who served in France's colonial army in Algeria and Indochina, was jailed for two years in 1961 when he was accused of being the leader of the French OAS (Secret Army Organization), a group which fought to keep Algeria under French control.

Trial of ex-FBI chief adjourned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (R) — A federal judge has ordered a six-week postponement of the trial of Patrick Gray, former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and two other former top FBI officials. The trial was to have begun Jan. 22. The new date is March 5.

2 Croats face new trial in U.S.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (AP) — A new trial was ordered Monday for two Croatian nationalists who had been convicted on charges of holding an official hostage during a siege of the West German consulate in Chicago last summer.

Italian oil tycoon kidnapped

MILAN, Italy, Jan. 9 (AP) — A 59-year-old wealthy oil dealer was kidnapped by four armed bandits Monday evening. Police said Diom Armani, former vice president of the Milan Soccer Club and a senior partner of the Armani Bros. Petroleum Products Co., was seized a few blocks from his office.

Naga raids leave 15,000 homeless

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (AP) — Nearly 15,000 people have fled their homes and taken refuge in government camps following a series of attacks by underground separatist Naga tribesmen on villages in northeast India, the United News of India reported Monday, quoting police.

Charlie Mingus dies; was jazz bass great

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 (AP) — Jazz bassist Charlie Mingus has died in Mexico from what his family said was a degenerative muscular condition called Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. He was 56.

Although details were still incomplete, Mingus' childhood friend and colleague, saxophonist Buddy Collette, said Monday that Mingus apparently died Friday in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Collette said Mingus' body was cremated Saturday and a memorial service was being planned in Los Angeles.

Mingus, who was born in Nogales, Arizona, and was raised in Los Angeles, began studying bass with Red Callender at the age of 16 and went on to study under Louis Armstrong, Kid Ory, and others in the 1940s.

In the 1950s, Mingus became internationally famous. Between 1963 and 1966, he annually won "Down Beat" magazine's poll for his music. He published an autobiography in 1971, "Beneath the Underdog."

Ten years ago, Mingus went into semi-retirement because of ill health, although he toured Europe briefly in 1972 and continued to work sporadically in New York jazz clubs. His last public appearance was at the White House Jazz Festival last June.

Nairobi told not to panic about plague

NAIROBI, Jan. 9 (AP) — Health authorities here said Tuesday there was no cause for alarm despite an outbreak of plague 22 kilometers from the city. A local newspaper reported Tuesday that a temporary clinic had been set up following the outbreak of the disease. A number of patients were being treated, but the paper said the doctor in charge of the clinic had declined to confirm reports that at least three persons had died following the outbreak of the disease last week.



An American aircraft carrier

Defense budget nears completion

Carter sinking Navy's hopes for carrier

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — The Navy is making a 11th-hour effort to change President Jimmy Carter's mind on the kind of aircraft carrier he will recommend to Congress, administration sources report.

With Carter's fiscal 1980 defense budget just about ready for Congress, the Navy effort has reached all the way to the Caribbean Island of Guadeloupe, where the president was reported in seclusion after the "sunshine summit" with allied leaders.

In the budget, officials said, Carter will also seek about \$1 billion later this month for new intercontinental missiles that can be moved among launch sites in case of a Soviet attack, Pentagon officials said Monday.

Officials said Carter would ask \$270 million for the new MX missile in a supplemental appropriation bill for this year and close to \$720 million in his 1980 budget.

The Pentagon hopes to decide both questions around April 1.

In the carrier controversy, Carter is said to have decided to propose construction of a new type of oil-burning carrier

called the CVV, which would cost about \$143 million less than the bigger ship the Navy favors.

Backed by Pentagon leaders, the Navy earlier recommended construction of an additional Kennedy-class carrier, which it claims would be more "combat capable" than the CVV because it carries more and a greater variety of warplanes.

A Kennedy-class carrier would cost about \$1.7 billion and its backers contend it is worth what one official called its "slightly additional cost" over the CVV.

Defense Secretary Harold Brown is now said to prefer the Kennedy-class ship over the CVV.

The CVV would have to be designed from the keel up and, opponents say, might take longer to complete than a ship based on the design of the 10-year-old John F. Kennedy, youngest of the Navy's conventional carriers.

The 8,000-ton Kennedy carries about 95 planes and has four catapults for launching them from its flight deck. The CVV would displace up to about 60,000 tons and carry about 65 planes, with only two launching catapults.

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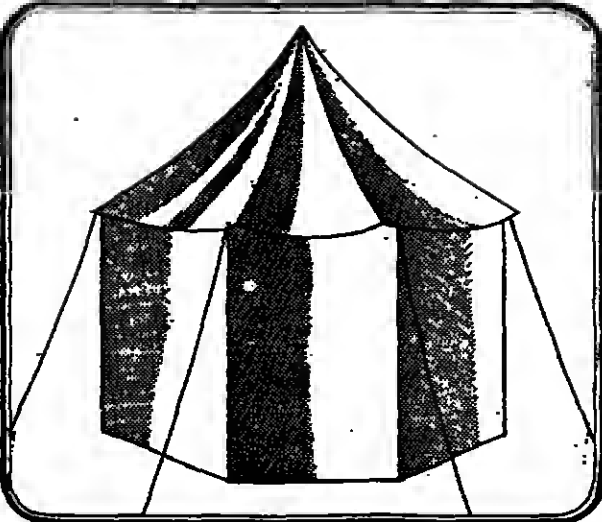
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This week, the government of Dr. Shapour Bakhtiar undergoes its first—and maybe last—test. The once-opposition leader has already been expelled by his National Front for accepting the task of forming a government. Extremists in the opposition are already labeling him an "American lackey" and demanding his ouster. He has answered calls for more marches and demonstrations against the Shah by calling a march himself in mourning of the dead. But in the end, he may find himself squeezed between extremists on both sides: Army generals who have already resigned in protest and the followers of exiled religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini who will settle for nothing less than a change of regime.

The only breathing space that the prime minister has at the moment is that provided by the split in opposition ranks between followers of the exiled Khomeini and the less radical leaders inside the country. Observers have noted with interest that while Khomeini continues to call for the overthrow of the Shah, the powerful religious leaders inside the country have taken a more moderate role with Ayatollah Abri-madani merely warning Dr. Bakhtiar that the opposition will not be satisfied by a mere lifting of censorship and dissolution of the hated Savak.

Unless the differences among opposition leaders lead to direct violence the prime minister may be able to use the imminent departure of the Shah for rest and medical treatment to further defuse the situation. The Shah and the prime minister have indicated that the monarch plans to leave for a while so this question is settled. What is not settled is the duration of his foreign trip and whether he will return at all. Sources close to the prime minister do not rule out an extended foreign stay by the Shah but they would not, for obvious reasons, want to be quoted as hinting that the Shah may not return.

Whatever happens, basic changes in Iranian policies are expected. The Shah will have to give up any ambitions he might have had outside his own borders. The Gulf states in particular, which have often looked askance at the Shah's designs, will have nothing to worry about any more, not even if the opposition takes over. The opposition is bound to dissociate itself from the various aspects of the Shah's policies, including foreign ambitions because it has always accused the Shah of ignoring the needs of the country while pursuing grandiose regional designs. At the same time, the Shah or his successors will have to adopt a more defined position in support of Arab rights and against Israel. It has been a war cry of the marchers in Tehran to support the Palestinians so the Shah will have to take that into account or a victorious opposition will incorporate this line in its own policies.

What is less clear at the moment is how the Iranian troubles will influence the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks. The general design must have been for a strong Egypt-Israeli bloc on one side and a powerful Iran on the other to keep all peoples and states in the region in harness. The weakening of the Iranian base must be forcing the creators of the peace talks to think again. They may not necessarily change the whole concept but rather introduce sweeping modifications and alterations to take the changing conditions into account.

Soviets in the Gulf

By Arthur Gershon
 GOSIER, Guadeloupe — In two days of summit talks here, the leaders of the United States, France, Britain and West Germany mapped ways to check the creeping advance of the Soviet Union toward the Gulf.

General agreement emerged that the balance of world power could be transformed if Moscow's forward policy gives it dominance in the huge inter-continental triangle between Turkey, Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

Nearly half the noncommunist world's oil comes from this region. There is a recognition by the heads of government, based on pooled intelligence estimates, that the Soviets in the 1980 will directly need access to the same fuel sources.

Before leaving Guadeloupe for a 24-hour visit to Barbados Monday, British Prime Minister James Callaghan told reporters that he and the other three leaders — U.S. President Jimmy Carter, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt — focused in some depth on the world's flashpoint areas, including Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Africa.

Callaghan would not publicly discuss the outcome of the talks that ended Saturday beyond saying results would be observed in time in individual situations and international forums.

However, senior authorities, who declined to be identified even by nationality, said that the four leaders reached several shared but somber conclusions.

Among the conclusions reached at the summit as reported by the informants:

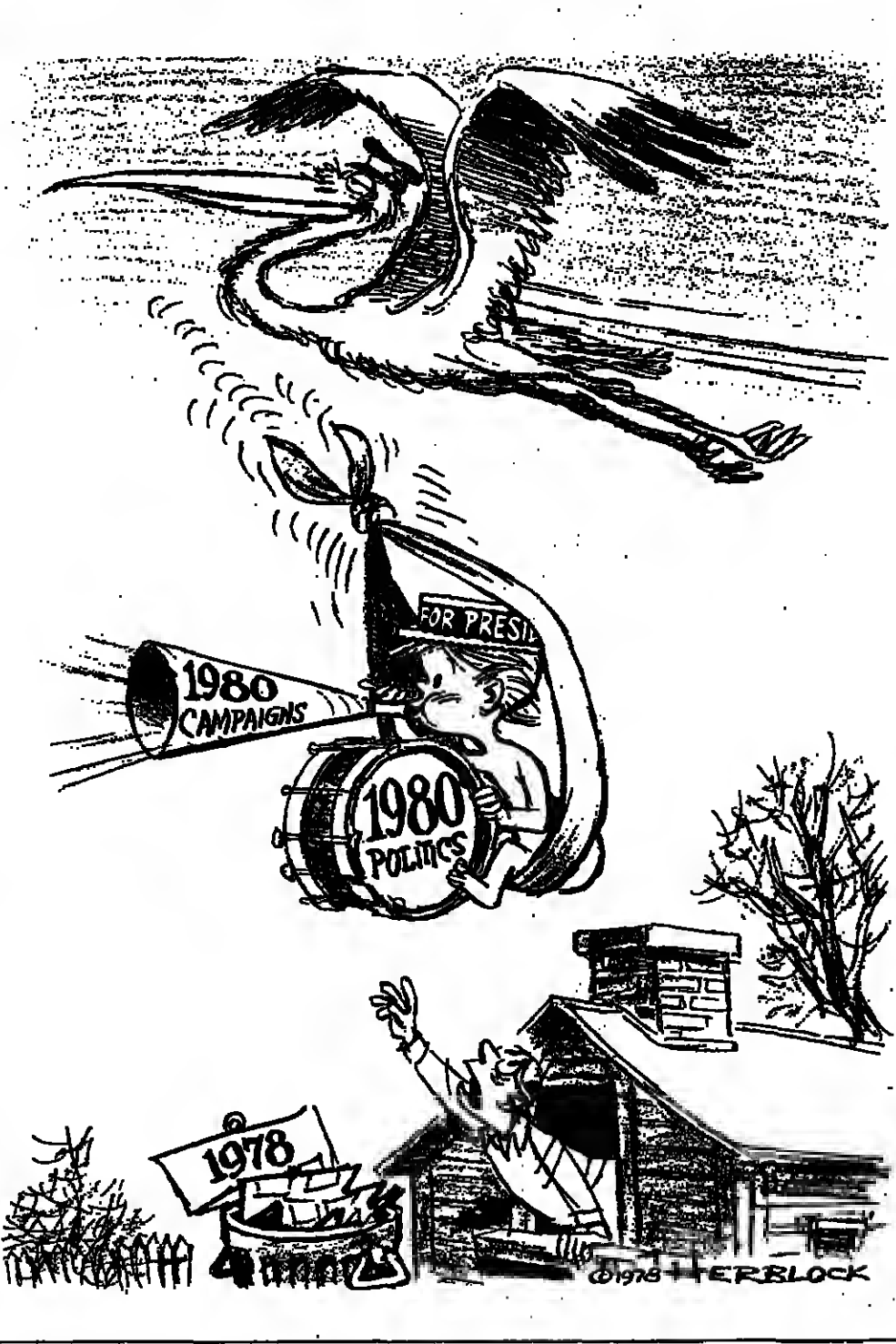
— Coups in Afghanistan and South Yemen that set up pro-Soviet regimes last year put Moscow in a position to press its interests in post-revolutionary Iran.

— Iran, even without the Shah, likely will remain unstable for some time to come.

— The once-steady state of Pakistan, beset with political and tribal turmoil internally and now facing border-crossing Afghan assaults, is in danger of disintegrating. Similar upheavals could engulf India.

— Turkey is gripped by troubles ranging from economic and political to mob violence between hostile religious sects that have brought back martial law to several of the country's 67 provinces. — (AP)

"ON THIS DELIVERY — I THINK MAYBE YOU SKIPPED SOMETHING"



Trade with Taiwan

By William J. Easton

TAIPEI — Chuang Ying-tung, 28, makes \$2,300 a year as an assembly-line worker at the Ford Lio Ho Motor Co. plant near here. His wife, who works in a computer parts factory, is paid \$1,700 a year. Although they and their three children must with his parents and cannot afford a motorbike, let alone a car, they are well paid by Asian standards. They have a refrigerator, a black-and-white television set and high aspirations.

The Chuangs — and millions of others like them — are a major reason why the economy of Taiwan is booming, and will probably continue to boom, despite its growing diplomatic isolation. They symbolize a relatively low labor cost and high productivity from a stable work force.

It is not that Chuang was unaffected by the announcement Dec. 15 of President Carter's decision to grant U.S. recognition to the Peking government of the People's Republic of China and renounce the defense treaty with the Republic of China on Taiwan.

"I was very angry," Chuang told a reporter. Joining with fellow workers at Ford, he donated \$8.34 to a national drive to bolster defense of the island against any possible threat from the Communist mainland.

But it is the contribution of his labor to Taiwan's economic strength that may have more significance in the long run.

Former U.S. Ambassador Leonard Unger noted that Tai-

wan has no oil, little coal, limited farmland and virtually no mineral resources.

"What it does have is tremendous human resources — intelligent people who are able and willing to work," Unger said.

A spokesman at the Ford plant where Chuang works — a facility that is 70 per cent U.S.-owned — said the plant ranks eighth in productivity among all Ford plants in the world, evidence of the people's efficiency and willingness to work.

Chuang, a college graduate with a degree in physical education, works on the final trim line in the grimy, 6-year-old building. He puts in a 5-day, 45-hour week working on the smaller, European-style Fords produced here.

Taiwan, under the strong control of the Nationalist Party for the last 30 years, has performed a minor economic miracle in the last decade. It has become the second-richest nation in Asia, trailing only Japan, and has joined the ranks of such countries as Mexico and Brazil in the world economic-growth derby.

There is little doubt about Taiwan's ability to prosper into the foreseeable future.

The statistics paint a glowing picture: Taiwan's economy expanded 13 per cent last year, after adjusting for inflation of less than 7 per cent. The unemployment rate is down to a rock-bottom 2.5 per cent while exports zoomed 40 per cent this year to a record \$12.5 billion. Taiwan's credit rating is tops.

Despite an outsized military force of nearly 500,000 in a

nation of 17 million, Taiwan runs a budget surplus and has piled up foreign exchange reserves of more than \$6 billion because of its go-go trade policies.

U.S. officials here credit the government with good management of the economy and efficient use of investment incentives to lure foreign capital.

In addition, Taiwan has spent billions of dollars on new roads, power plants, ports and railroad expansion. The economic surge has taken place while the Republic of China has suffered stinging defeats on the diplomatic front. Twenty-two nations now recognize the regime on Taiwan, and the U.S. decision to break relations may lead some of them to do likewise.

Despite this trend, however, Taiwan has trading relations with 140 countries. Of these, the United States and Japan account for more than half of all foreign trade with Taiwan.

"Taiwan will continue to be a small boat on the ocean of the world economy, extraordinarily sensitive to the vicissitudes in the economies of its two leading trading partners," the U.S. Embassy concluded before its departure.

A decline in the U.S. economy, widely predicted for 1979, might have greater impact on Taiwan's trade and investment than Carter's decision to snap diplomatic ties with the longtime U.S. ally.

Since Japan ended formal relations with the Taipei regime in 1972, its annual trade with Taiwan has nearly quadrupled. — (LAT)

More negotiations

By John M. Goshko

WASHINGTON — Despite U.S. denials that any decisions have been made, the diplomatic signs last week began pointing toward the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks resuming here shortly under the mediation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

That impression emerged from days of confusing signals that included an Israeli diplomat's speculation about new talks in mid-January, a U.S. report that such predictions were "jumping the gun" and an Egyptian call for Vance to decide the next step in getting the deadlocked negotiations moving again.

But, after sifting these contradictory developments, many diplomatic sources predicted that the Carter administration — if it wants to break the impasse — will have no choice other than to seize on the tentative willingness of the two sides to start talking again and schedule a new round of Washington negotiations.

Such a course would involve considerable risks, the sources noted, since neither Israel nor Egypt currently seems willing to modify the two major opposing demands that caused the peace talks to break down during Vance's Middle East shuttle mission last month.

However, the sources added, Washington's much-advertised fear of an erosion of support for a peace treaty in the two countries would appear to make a quick resumption of negotiations imperative.

In addition, the sources said, for the talks to be effective, they would have to be conducted at the level of foreign minister and defense minister. That, in turn, would require Vance to resume his role as mediator and, for this reason,

the sources said, Washington would have to be the locale for any new negotiations.

This deductive scenario was first revealed by an Israeli diplomat at a meeting with reporters. The diplomat, who asked not to be identified, noted that both sides appeared willing to resume negotiations and added: "We assume it will be here in mid-month because of Mr. Vance's calendar."

Reports of the diplomat's remarks drew a quick and emphatic reply from the State Department spokesman, Hoddin Carter. He charged the diplomat with "jumping the gun" and, while conceding that the administration would like to see the talks resumed, Carter stressed, "There is no time set, there is no meeting set."

U.S. sources said privately that Carter's vehement retort was prompted, in part, by the fact that Egypt had not yet replied to U.S. suggestions about resuming the talks. As a result, the sources said, the State Department did not want to give Egypt the impression that Washington had decided on a specific course and that the Israelis had special knowledge of it.

In addition, the sources added, the United States is troubled by the fact that neither side seems willing to make significant concessions and wants to explore further the possibility of their giving some ground before scheduling new negotiations.

Carter referred to that problem by saying: "The first thing you want to know is feasible to do, and for that, you have to have something back from the parties themselves.... How you do it, when you do it, where you do it, are matters which we are trying to work out with the parties. It hasn't

been resolved." Later, though, the Egyptian cabinet concluded a six-hour meeting by announcing it is prepared to resume "efforts" toward a peace treaty. In announcing the decision, Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil said Egypt's position would be conveyed to Vance and added it then would be up to Vance to decide how to get contact between the two countries resumed.

Khalil suggested the possibility of a new meeting between himself and Vance and possibly also Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. However, he also said the renewed peace effort could include direct Egyptian-Israeli negotiations "at a later stage."

In stating their position, the Egyptians reiterated their demand for a timetable linking the proposed treaty to separate negotiations on establishing Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The cabinet also insisted anew that any peace treaty with Israel must not supersede Egypt's defense treaties with other Arab states.

These are the principal issues that have caused the impasse in the negotiations. Israel, while saying it is willing to negotiate on Palestinian autonomy, has refused to accept a timetable and has insisted on a clear understanding that the peace treaty take precedence over Egypt's other obligations.

However, despite the continuing gulf between the two, diplomatic sources here generally interpreted the Egyptian statement as signaling a willingness to resume the talks and concluded that the United States, after reviewing its options, will have no choice but to seek a new round of negotiations in Washington. — (WP)

Ambush in Lahore

By Peter Niesenwald

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan — There is a roundabout in Lahore called Shadman-Shan Jamar where the central island is surrounded by a shoulder-high hedge. Men armed with sub-machine guns lay in wait there on the night of Nov. 10, 1974, while less than a 100 meters away, a wedding party was in progress.

One of the guests was Ahmad Raza Kasuri, a founder member of the Pakistan People's Party who some years ago had fallen out with then prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Kasuri accused Bhutto of being power hungry and ambitious. He spoke of a "terrorized parliament" and compared conditions in Pakistan to those of Hitler's Germany, with witchhunts, arrests, tapped telephone, and police spies listening in on conversations in the lobbies and the cafeteria of the National Assembly.

At one point, in an assembly debate, Bhutto repudiated Kasuri: "You keep quiet. I have had enough of you. Absolute poison. I will not tolerate your nuisance."

Kasuri felt himself physically threatened, and indeed he was. The question the Supreme Court of Pakistan must now decide is: By whom? Even before the ambush at the roundabout, there had been two attacks on Kasuri. Someone opened fire on him in 1972, in the town of Kasuri. Two years later, others shot at him with automatic weapons in the capital of Islamabad. On both occasions he escaped unhurt.

In November, 1974, Kasuri's

luck was still holding. He left the wedding, just after midnight, his father in the front passenger seat beside him, his mother and an aunt in the back.

As they reached the ambush point, the car was only just in second gear and the gunman opened fire, hitting the bodywork and damaging the dynamo. The car's lights went out. There were repeated bursts of automatic fire, as Kasuri accelerated away. He looked into the driving mirror, but no one was following. Kasuri noticed that his father was resting his head on his shoulder. He reached over to touch his father, and his hand came away covered with blood.

From the back, his mother said: "Son, you have to know about your father's injuries now, but his blood is already in my feet."

This much is common cause in the Bhutto case. Almost every aspect of the rest of the affair is bitterly contested. The prosecution alleges that a total of seven men were involved in the conspiracy to kill Kasuri, but two were granted pardons in exchange for their testimony against Bhutto, and they have become what Pakistani law calls "approvers." One of them, Masood Mahmood, used to be director-general of the Federal Security Force, and the other, Ghulam Hussain, was an FSF inspector.

Mahmood is the only man to allege a direct connection with Bhutto. He says the then prime minister ordered him to see Kasuri was killed.

When General Zia Ul-Haq overthrew Bhutto's government last year, Masood Mahmood

was immediately detained. After 40 days in military custody, he wrote to Zia offering to make a clean breast of the Kasuri affair, and ten days later, he made a confession.

Last month in the supreme court, Bhutto's defense counsel, Yahiya Bakhtiar, said serious doubt must be cast on the voluntary nature of such a confession.

"What inducements have been given to him?" Bakhtiar asked. "Astounding enough, this self-confessed criminal conspirator to murder is still in government service, but only under 'suspension' until the decision of this case."

The other major character in the drama is Mian Muhammad Abbas, formerly director of operations and intelligence in the FSF. Abbas initially made a confession, implicating Masood Mahmood and others, but not implicating Bhutto. In the Lahore high court he retracted the confession, saying it had been obtained through torture.

Several months later, Abbas sent a letter from his death cell to the court saying that, as he was going to meet his maker soon, he wanted to re-instate his confession, and he asked the court for mercy. The Bhutto team suspect that he was pressured or bribed to change his mind.

The Bhutto appeal has "lasted several months. It is likely to take the judges another few weeks to sift through the claims and counter claims, and write a judgement which itself will be scrutinized more closely than any they have delivered in their careers so far." — (G)

saudi press review

"Al-Medina" said that the current Gulf commerce ministers' conference "is an important landmark on the way to further cooperation in the region which would stand it in good stead in relation with other countries and economic blocs."

"The most important topic for discussion would be a review of prices charged by exporters and international companies which many Gulf countries believe are discriminatory." The paper said: "It is obvious that these companies charge more for goods and services exported to the Gulf than to other developing or developed countries. They are charging up exorbitant prices while we sell them our oil products at low rates because we are deeply concerned for the viability of their economic systems," the paper said.

"We hope that the conference will take the necessary steps to protect our trade from

such exploitation." "Al-Bilad" and "Omar" commented on Prince Fahd's instructions to the council of ministers to control expenditure and prevent extravagance.

"Al-Bilad" said, "it is necessary to put an end to inflated prices which are deliberately charged by foreign companies for goods and services supplied to us."

The paper also welcomed Prince Fahd's declaration of support for Saudi contractors and manufacturers and his advice to the government to give them priority over others in the execution of government contracts.

"Al-Nadwa" dealt with various aspects of cooperation in the Gulf in the light of the current Gulf commerce ministers' conference. It said that a system of commercial cooperation among the states of the region would be the outstanding achievement of the conference.

"This would come on the heels of the other aspects of coordination that have already been attained — namely oil, security, agriculture, health and education."

"Trade is equally important," the paper said, "because the region is an importer of most goods and services and as such subject to foreign greed and exploitation. A collective stand and a common policy will considerably help the region and it would also help other Arab countries if the region gave their products preferential status so that we may in due course find Arab alternatives to foreign products," the paper added.

On the Middle East question and the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks, "Al-Nadwa" mocked the stalled talks and references to "optimism" regarding their resumption. It said: "What a pity that the proponents of

reconciliation have now to resort to optimism in believing they could still achieve something 13 months after engaging in their pursuit of a peace that they claimed only they could make. What a tragedy.

that peace is now dependent on the goodwill of Begin, Dayan and Weizman. It is also tragic that optimism is now the power in this game of peace and reconciliation after the series of shocks and surprises

that the peace advocates used to pride themselves on." The paper said that the peace advocates should have realized by now that "it is not by optimism alone that peace can be attained."



Psychiatrist: Tell me something you were ashamed of in your childhood.
 Patient: If you don't know it there is no point in telling you.

— Al Riyadh

Le Paris in Riyadh

Elegant French dining

By Joyce Prince

RIYADH—Above and beyond the realm of everyday cooking lies the classic French cuisine. Le Paris Restaurant of the Palms Inn Hotel offers a most superb singular art with dual appeal, the cuisine that pampers the palate and the eye.

Le Paris, opened just six months ago, truly depicts the elegance of taste one expects from an art of cooking that has stood the test of time.

To enrich the pleasurable experience of dining out, the building itself has been designed with all the distinguishing features of a fine restaurant, not just a "converted villa," but tall columns with rounded glass archways hinting of French luxury.

A wide paved entry way and large parking area among the date palms adds a harmonious touch.

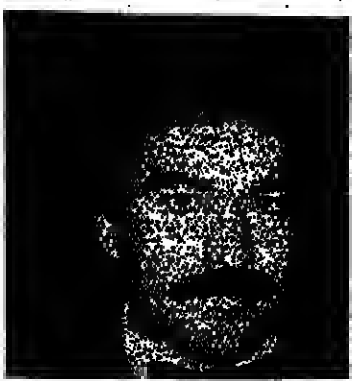
What would French dining be without sparkling glass ware, fine silver and cloth and napery to match? Decorated and designed by an Italian firm, the appeal to the eye with soft greens of the damask table cloths and napery and blending beige of the thick carpeting implies much careful planning.

Soft Parisian music floats among the small alcoves created by divisions of intricately carved wooden panels through which glimpses of many oil paintings can be seen.

The menu is a bountiful list of French favorites. The selection includes: Caviar de L'Alaska, Langoustes a la Parisienne (spiny lobster) Foie gras du Perigord (chopped goose liver), Saumon fume du Norvege (cold poached salmon), Escargots a l'Alsacienne (snails) Soupe de Tortue en Tasse (turtle soup).

The Langoustes was a superb treat, the meat removed and the shells filled with finely cut vegetables in mayonnaise, garnishes of artichoke, eggs and truffles. The manager informed us many customers come and make a meal of just the Langoustes or Escargots.

For those who do not want a full meal, they may order just the buffet (priced at SR 25) situated in the center of the room on a beautifully decorated table. Items on the buffet consist of: stuffed okra; stuffed tomatoes of mixed vegetable salad, Swedish meat balls, kofta, and schoks with mayonnaise, and much more.



Mahmoud Al Suweidi

The specialty dish is: steak prepared in eight different sauces and garnishes. Even though one may feel a slight variety of selection could be offered, with the abundant items of the entrees and added buffet, a concentration on the preparation of fine steak is understood.

The Steak au Poivre (pepper steak) was prepared to perfection. A generous portion was served exactly as requested, well done but not a hint of overdone in a rich brown sauce of herbs and truffles garnished with deep-fried potatoe puffs (mashed potatoes rolled with breaded covering), baked tomatoes and onions and breaded, stuffed egg plant. The Steak a la Sovoyarde (steak with cheese) was also a most delectable treat, the smooth rich creamy sauce being one of the chef's main specialties.

The steak creations are quite impressive. Added to the pepper and cheese that were ordered are: Steak aux Champignons (with mushrooms), Steak a l'ognion (with onions), Steak "Rossini" (with Foie Gras) and Steak aux Truffles.

French cooking relies greatly on the distinctive flavor of the truffle. A wild fungi growing in clusters among the roots of many oak trees, they are found anywhere from two to 15 inches below ground surface. Truffles range from sizes no bigger than a peanut to the giant size of an orange, though most are walnut-size.

We were most pleased when at the end of our meal we found an astounding array of desserts: peach cheese pie, orange custard pie, and chocolate cake with assorted crepes were among the offerings.

The manager, Mahmoud Al Suweidi from Athens, attended a hotel and restaurant management school in London for four years. "We try to insure an atmosphere and menu that will add up to the expectations of those who enjoy French food," said Suweidi. The use of his many years of experience and training are portrayed in the quality of the Le Paris restaurant. He has also gained much culinary knowledge from his father, who has owned and managed restaurants in Switzerland. His career started at the age of 12 as a porter on a large ship. Later he became head waiter in the service of the Royal Family.

French cooking is a fine art, as surely as painting and sculpture are. The painter or sculptor may create works that endure, but a chef knows his creations disappear quickly by enthusiastic gastronomes. What does survive is his reputation.

Gerard Paschal, the main chef of the Le Paris, need not be concerned about either his creations lasting or his reputation waning. Assisted by three other chefs, all French Paschal had been cooking 14 years before coming to Riyadh. He brings with him the fine subtleties of stocks and sauces so famous in the art of French cooking.

When speaking of the service, Suweidi explained: "The service of the food itself is as important as its preparation. It must never be piled on the plate, and should be served in small portions." When possible, and when the restaurant is not too busy, Suweidi likes to serve the food himself. This evening he removed the food (at the table) from a large silver tray to our plates, with impeccable consideration for the arrangement of the items.

Much of the food is purchased in Riyadh or Jeddah, except the special delicacies of French cooking such as the langoustes, escargots, caviar and thick steak cuts, which are brought in, usually from Paris. When talking with Suweidi we learned the restaurant and hotel are owned by Prince Muhammad Ibn Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz. Although the Prince owns other businesses in other countries, this is his first restaurant endeavor. Constructed on the Prince's land, just behind the Guest Palace, the entryway and surrounding area is enhanced by the 50 Parisian-styled private villas (serving as the hotel) and the many date palms.

Breakfast is served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; lunch 12:30 to 3:00 and the evening dinner 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Les Entrees range from SR 30 for the Escargots to SR 50 for the Langoustes, with the specialty dishes from SR 30 to SR 50. A meal for two is approximately SR 160.

A so-so repast at Al Badiya Oriental Restaurant

By Box Wallah

JEDDAH — The Meridian Hotel is difficult to reach from the northern side of Jeddah. A long detour is caused by the apparently permanent closure of a roundabout. Once you arrive and are fortunate enough to find a place to park, you will not be indifferent to the remarkable decor inside. My friend said, "I had better go back for my space suit."

Upstairs is the Al Badiya Oriental Restaurant, where the decor is pleasantly restrained. The ceiling is made to look like an elongated cone of polished white wood struts. This clean-lined effect is carried down by wooden screens. The walls are made of landscape tiles with simple tree and foliage patterns. Curtains and table fabrics are in yellows and golds. The air conditioning was

too effective and we felt chilled. Perhaps one should wear warmer clothes when dining out at this time of the year.

We were given the menus, which, though attractively presented, told us nothing about the food. It would be helpful for patrons unfamiliar with Lebanese cuisine (for that is what it is) if short descriptions were to be printed, in the most useful language, under each dish.

We had to ask a lot of questions before we were able to select Fattouch and Torchi to start. Fattouch is a mixed salad of lettuce, tomato, pepper, coriander and cucumber tossed in oil. It was too oily for our taste — although this is the way the dish is prepared — and had my friend realized that her main dish was to be garnished with the same sort of

things, she would have ordered a different appetizer. The Torchi, described by the waiter as "pickles", was cucumber, carrot and green chili soaked in vinegar. It was fiercely hot, and one would have thought that a warning from the waiter would have been appropriate in the absence of a caveat on the menu itself.

The "appetizers" arrived with the main course, which was a pity if the intention is to stimulate the palate and the digestive juices for the meal proper and to fill in that little lull before the conversation takes off.

We ordered Kebab and Kofta and Sheikh al Mabshi. The lamb kebab was excellent, cooked over charcoal, and served with a very tasty fancy rice. The kofta was rather dry but well flavored.

The Sheikh al Mabshi was aubergines stuffed with ground meat served with rice and garnished with almonds. The stuffing and the rice were very good indeed. The service was prompt and efficient.

There was a very attractive selection of rich pastries and gateaux available from the sweet trolley but the main courses were generous and we could not find room for any more to eat. We had medium Turkish coffee to follow and it was first rate.

Cheerful Arabic and Andalusian music was provided by four Egyptian instrumentalists, two liddies, a qanoun and a tabala. The tabalist was outstandingly good.

When we talked with him afterwards, Issam Abi Aad, the assistant food and beverage manager, answered some of

nur points, and told us about projects for the future. It is difficult to get good fresh beef at the moment locally, and much of what is served comes from America. All the locally available vegetables and fruits are used in preparing the dishes. He took our point about the menus and said the air-conditioning was still being adjusted.

He was saying that the Oriental Restaurant will offer a new service on Wednesday evenings from now on; a buffet serve-yourself meal for SR60 per person, drinks and service extra. The Meridian will also open a new French Restaurant soon. There is a coffee shop available for meals and quick snacks and a tea lounge. There are also facilities for banquets.

Leaving farms for the city

By Norris Wilkni

"How're ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm After they've seen Paris?" GENEVA — The words of the popular ditty hold as true today as when they were written decades ago. And what goes for Paris also applies to London, New York, Sydney, Moscow or any big city.

In recent years, young people have been deserting the land for urban life in droves, and the trend is expected to continue to the end of the present century.

Confirmation of the defection of farm workers, no new trend, comes in a report issued by the Bureau of Statistics and Special Studies of the International Labor Organization in Geneva. This indicates that between 1950 and 1970, the agricultural workforce of the industrialized countries declined by some 60 million.

The exodus occurred in about equal proportions between the countries of the world with a predominantly market economy and those of Eastern Europe where the economies are state-planned. In the former, a little over three million workers a year left jobs on farms; in the latter, a little under three million.

ILO statisticians expect the trend to continue. Their forecast is that between 1970 and 2000, another 60 million will be lost to the agricultural labor forces of the industrialized world, both West and East. This means a slowdown to about two million a year.

One of the principal reasons for the flight from the farms is that agricultural work has little appeal to young people. They find life on the farm too confining at all times, and are no doubt particularly repelled by the fact that the busiest season is the summer. While other people are on vacation, they often have to work long hours of overtime.

Much of the lost labor simply represents natural attrition. As workers who have spent their lives on farms retire or die, no young people come forward to fill their shoes. Hence, the average age of the workforce is steadily advancing.

Startling as this exodus from the land may appear statistically, it seems to present no threat to the food supply of the world. The loss of manpower is being more than compensated for by the increase in agricultural productivity, the result of improvements in seed, in crop yields, in irrigation methods and, above all, in mechanization.

Farmers in both market economy countries and those with planned economies have shown themselves capable of producing larger and larger crops of food for humans and feed for animals with the dwindling workforce.

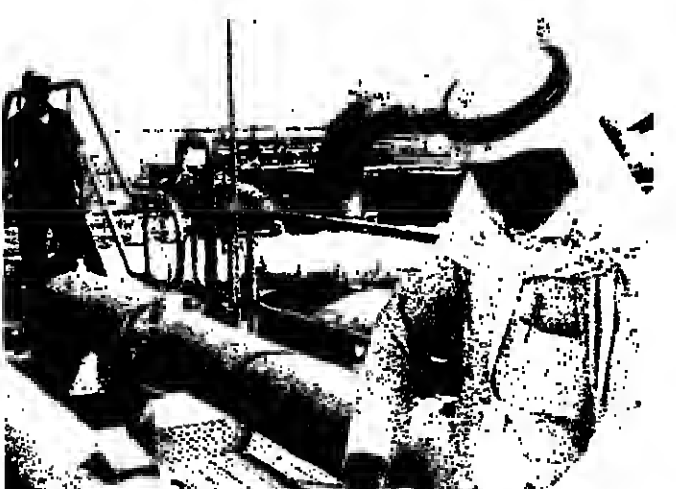
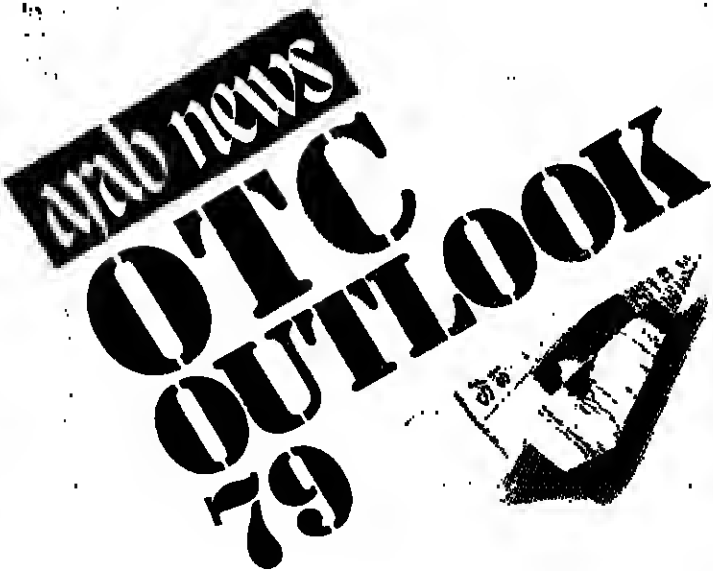
Great ingenuity has been displayed in eliminating some of the more disagreeable jobs such as seed sowing and crop harvesting by the development of increasingly complex and sophisticated equipment.

Furthermore, pressure from trade unions representing farm workers has led to a big improvement in wages and working conditions in the past 25 years. Agricultural wages in the more economically developed countries are closing the gap with factory wages. And farm workers earn a lot of overtime, especially at such busy times as sowing, harvesting, lambing and calving.

Also, farm workers enjoy many fringe benefits denied to factory workers, such as free accommodation and farm produce. They don't have to commute, and can eat their mid-day meal at home. — (OFNS)



NEW FROM BMW: This sleek racer, dubbed the 'M 1,' went on sale recently from Germany's BMW. Top speed is 262 km per hour.



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Up years and down, the American multinational thrives in Europe

By Murray Seeger
BRUSSELS—Slightly more than a decade ago, Europe was warned that American business was about to take over the continent. But the competitive balance has shifted, and the Americans are taking another look at their strategy.

Some of the United States-based multinational corporations that flocked to Europe in the postwar period have slowed their investments on the continent and many are sending their American executives home. Some companies with plants in Europe now find that they can manufacture more cheaply in the United States. Others are discovering that exporting to Europe can be profitable.

Instead of dominating the world business scene as they once did, the Americans find themselves challenged in Third World markets by equally clever foreign companies offering products as good as or better than those made in the U.S.

While the American companies have been adjusting to more and stronger competition overseas, foreign corporations and individuals have been taking advantage of the change in economic fortunes to invest at record levels in the United States.

"What we are seeing today is not the Americanization of Europe, but the growth of a Western-style of business culture and taste which covers Western Europe, the United States, Canada, much of Latin America and part of the Far East, including Japan," the chief executive of a major American manufacturer in Europe said the other day.

The often-quoted warning about the American commercial invasion of Europe was sounded in 1967 by the French journalist-politician, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber.

He wrote that "by 1982 it is quite possible that the world's greatest industrial power, just after the United States and Russia, will not be Europe but American industry in Europe."

Now it seems clear that American business has not taken over Europe. But neither has it been turned out of the continent. Instead, American business has become an essential element in the European economy, existing side by side with revised European enterprises.

The American presence in Europe is so immense—and still so profitable—that even five years of steady decline of the dollar, world recession and heightened competition have not diminished its dimensions.

What has happened in the last few years is that the strong, well-managed U.S. corporations have elected to put down deeper European roots while the weaker companies have pulled up stakes and gone home, or moved to easier markets.

"American investment is down in Europe, but then all investment is down," an American government expert in Brussels commented. "There is no trend toward disinvestment."

According to an American diplomat in Paris, "There is no strong trend for investment up or down."

"The strong are getting stronger and the weak are getting out," he added.

The U.S. Commerce Department reported in August

that in 1977 American investment overseas totaled \$148.8 billion, of which 40 per cent—more than \$60 billion—was in Western Europe.

Sales by American subsidiaries in Europe that year were more than \$220 billion, 20 per cent more than the total output of Italy, and about 11 per cent of the entire European economy outside the Soviet Union.

American-owned companies in 1977 were responsible for nearly 15 per cent of all sales within the nine countries of the European Economic Community (EEC), where most of their factories and offices are located.

Despite the generally sluggish world economy, American companies in 1977 increased their overseas investment by 9 per cent. Foreigners raised their investment in the United States by 11 per cent, bringing the total to \$34 billion.

The American presence in Europe is small compared with the size of U.S. domestic business. But many of the companies that have established themselves abroad are conspicuous, major participants in the European economy and have done extremely well.

Last year, for instance, the Ford Motor Co. made twice as much money overseas as it did at home. Citicorp, the world's second-largest banking firm (after the Bank of America) earned 90 per cent of its profits overseas.

A 1974 survey showed that such companies as National Cash Register, Coca-Cola, Gillette, Hoover, IBM, International Flavors, Pfizer and Sperry Rand made half or more of their profits abroad.

More recent surveys have shown that U.S. corporations have slowed their acquisition of affiliates overseas and that multinationals based in other countries are the acquisition leaders.

This reinforces the conclusion that the Americans who have survived the five-year European recession are investing in their better affiliates and selling off their losers.

The EEC, which surveyed multinationals in 1976, found that while Europeans owned twice as many international companies and were expanding more rapidly, the U.S.-based companies were much more profitable.

EEC officials concluded from this that American multinationals achieve a total turnover 43 per cent higher than the turnover of approximately twice as many European firms.

To the casual observer, the American presence in Europe seems greater than it actually is, because of the conspicuous success of a relatively few companies in some areas.

Thus, American-owned companies produce 30 per cent of the automobiles sold in Europe and a large portion of the gasoline that fuels them, as two-thirds of the computers sold on the continent.

Western European airlines, with few exceptions, fly American-made planes. Yugoslavia, the most independent of the Communist nations, has in recent years bought for its national airline nothing but American planes.

Walking any major city street in Europe, visitors are assaulted by American brand-

names—Coca Cola, Marlboro, Levi Strauss, Wrangler, Kodak, Parker, Arrow. In some cities, these traditional favorites have been joined by McDonalds, Burger Chef, Baskin-Robbins, Tandy and Mister Minit.

Americans dominate some fields. In advertising, for example, they own the top five agencies in Britain, four of the first five in Germany, three of five in Italy and Belgium and two of five in France, Spain and the Netherlands. And they continue to be strong in accounting, management, consultancy, and banking.

In supermarkets, which reflect a dramatic change in European eating habits, Kellogg cereals have expanded rapidly, as have different brands of Florida orange juice, some of it shipped frozen from the United States and some of it packaged in Europe.

Most American brands are manufactured locally. Some have been adopted as local.

"H. J. Heinz has been in England so long that people no longer think of it as an American company," an American business expert in London commented. "Hoover is so entrenched that the brand name has become an English verb meaning to vacuum."

On the other hand, in the broader range of industrial output, U.S. companies have been set back by strong European competition.

Ten years ago U.S. companies were the largest in 11 of 12 major industries—space, automobiles, chemicals, electrical equipment, food, machinery, steel, metal products, paper, oil, pharmaceuticals and textiles—as well as in banking.

In 1976 Americans led in seven, West Germans in three, British and Japanese in one each and one was jointly owned by British and Dutch interests.

The American presence in multinational business remains the largest single presence, even though it was overstated in the late 1960s as a good deal of research on non-U.S. business has now disclosed, according to Lawrence Franko, who participated in a massive survey of the subject for the Harvard Business School.

"Other countries' multinationals are expanding, not retreating," the movement is illustrated by the automobile business, which in the last year has seen General Motors and Ford expand in Europe while Chrysler was selling out to Peugeot of France.

The tire industry shows a similar pattern. In the last two years, Goodrich has given up manufacturing in Europe and Firestone has cut back, while Goodyear has continued to make good profits and is expanding its research center in Luxembourg.

In Belgium, site of many American investments, the J.C. Jenney Co. is a major retailer through its Sarna subsidiary. On the other hand, Sears Roebuck did not do well in Belgium and recently sold its retail outlets to a French company.

"Europe has become more and more competitive," an American tire-man commented. "In this industry, Europe's technology caught up and passed the American."

The big mover in the tire business has been Michelin of France, which developed the radial tire. It used its success to start manufacturing in the United States and to take a lucrative share of the market away from the huge American rubber companies.

Some experts believe that the first multinational corporation was the Singer Sewing Machine Co., which opened a factory in Glasgow in 1867. At that time the old German Bayer Chemical Corporation had an analine plant in Albany, N.Y., and the Swedish Nobel company was making dynamite in Hamburg, Germany.

Westinghouse Airbrake came to Europe before World War I because it found a better reception for its products among nationalized railroads when it manufactured on the continent.

The big explosion came between 1946 and 1970, when the value of the American presence increased more than 20-fold to \$21.5 billion.

"By the early 1970s, the United States had become more of a foreign investor than an exporter of domestically manufactured goods," Prof. Robert Gilpin of Princeton University wrote in a recent book on multinational corporations.

The overseas expansion was fueled by great sales successes. From 1966 to 1976, annual sales went from \$40 billion to \$207 billion, an increase of 500 per cent during a period when the European economy was growing by about 300 per cent.

The tide started to turn in 1975. In 1973 and 1974 American affiliates saw their sales go up 33 per cent and 30 per cent, but in 1975 and 1976 the gains were relatively modest at 12 per cent and 11 per cent.

While sales fell and competition became sharper operating costs continued to rise. European labor, which had worked longer hours for less money than American labor, used the period of steady prosperity to bid wages and fringe benefits.

Australia's skin cancer

SYDNEY — Australia's national pastime of sun "baking" is being blamed for an alarming increase in skin cancer.

Doctors believe the obsessive pursuit of a suntan is largely responsible for an upsurge in melanoma, the deadliest of the three forms of skin cancer.

As hundreds of thousands of Australians stretch out on sun-soaked beaches again this southern summer, medical researchers at Sydney Hospital have released new statistics showing a doubling of melanoma victims in only seven years.

Australia is reckoned to have the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world.

The cause of this form of the disease has been loosely linked with atmospheric pollution and possible damage to the ozone layer by planes and fluorocarbons in aerosols, but researchers consider the sun's ultra-violet rays to be the chief culprit.

Straddling the tropics, Australia is unique in having a mainly white population originating from more gentle climes where nature did not endow skins with protection against a harsh sun. The native black-skinned Aborigines are virtually free of skin cancer.

The increase in melanoma closely parallels the fashion which has developed within the last 20 years for a "healthy" tan.

The Sydney Hospital study found that melanoma cases in New South Wales rose from 11.4 to 22 per 100,000 people between 1970 and 1976. A recent study in Queensland — where vehicle registration plates bear the tag "Sunshine State" — reports a similar increase over the last 10 years.

An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 people are now falling victim to melanoma in Australia every year, and the total number of new cases of all types of skin cancer is thought to be about 200,000 per annum.

Melanoma usually starts with a malignant mole. Unlike other skin cancers, melanoma can quickly spread through the body in the bloodstream. One in four victims dies from the disease, but like most cancers it can be cured if spotted early. — (OPNS)

up at world-record rates.

A Citibank survey found that between 1970 and 1977, in terms of local currencies, real labor costs (after eliminating the effects of inflation) went up the most in Italy (70 per cent), followed by Belgium (61 per cent), the Netherlands, West Germany and Sweden (all 48 per cent). U.S. labor costs in the same period rose 12 per cent.

Since the dollar was falling in most of that period, labor costs in dollar terms went up by nearly 150 per cent in the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Sweden and 135 per cent in Germany and Belgium.

Citibank found the highest wages in Sweden—\$10.30 an hour compared with U.S. average of \$8.71.

Belgium and the Netherlands were also above the U.S. average. Britain, at \$3.62, had the lowest of the 12 major economies, including Japan, that were examined.

As wages rose sharply, governments supported them by enacting a complex, expensive system of social benefits.

European workers routinely take home much less cash than American workers, but they have fringe benefits that add 50 to 60 per cent to their compensation. U.S. fringe benefits add an average of 30 per cent to wages. And by law, the European has much more job security than is provided in American labor contracts.

In Germany, International Telephone and Telegraph, the largest U.S. company in Europe, recently paid \$5 million to close a small factory in Stuttgart and lay off 600 workers. The compensation was set by a government umpire, not by any collective bargaining between company and union.

Also, the fall of the dollar has made it difficult for companies that rely on domestic sales for most of their profits to invest in strong-currency countries such as Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. American executives are not eager to move overseas unless their companies guarantee them protection from dollar erosion and pay them substantial cost-of-living differentials.

Some of the most successful

American companies in Europe, such as IBM and Ford, have trained local executives to take the place of U.S. citizens.

As they look at the new investment possibilities, Americans in Europe carefully examine the economic and political factors.

For years Britain was the most popular site for U.S. companies because of the common language and easy market entry. Then, as the European Economic Community developed, at first without Britain, the Americans moved into the Benelux countries and Germany because of their central location and strong industrial traditions.

Now France is getting attention because the French government clearly encourages foreign investment. Ireland gets attention because of its labor costs, but its location poses a delivery problem. Spain is also attractive, because costs, but its location poses a delivery problem. Spain is also attractive, because costs are relatively low and the country is expected to enter the EEC within the next five years.

"On paper, Britain is clearly the best place to make a new investment," an American executive based in Germany said. "As a practical matter, however, given the problems with labor unions in Britain, right now I would choose

France for a new plant." With the dollar so cheap compared with European currencies, and the European market about as large and rich as the American, many U.S. companies are discovering their potential as exporters.

U.S. auto makers, despite big investments in Europe, are setting an example that has Europeans worried and is stimulating some consolidation among continental auto makers.

The secret is to make a product that suits international tastes and is priced right. And the Americans still have an advantage in manufacturing capacity. — (LAT)

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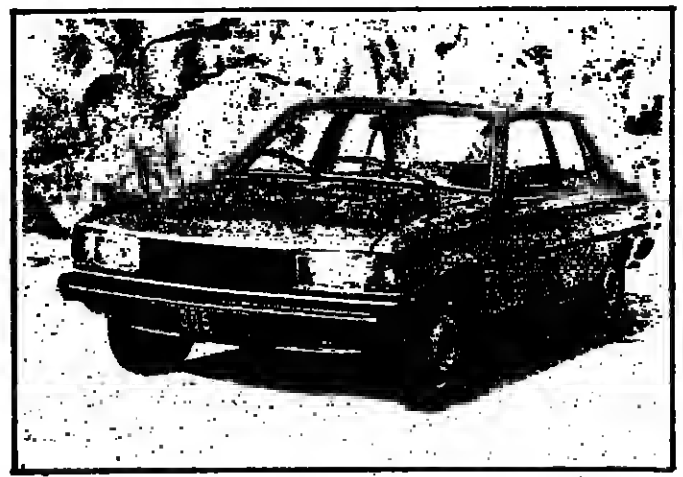
THE NEW PEUGEOT 305 A CLOSE LOOK

In what might at first seem a foolhardy move, Peugeot have ignored the current trend towards hatchback cars, and opted for a traditional "three box" design for their latest model, the 305.

However, on closer inspection, this decision is probably the right one, for the plus points of the new model far outweigh any advantage that might have been gained from a hatchback design.

Immediate first impressions are dominated by the clean unfussy styling of the body. Designed by Pininfarina, it will probably be looked back on as one of his best ever efforts.

The styling is lightly reminiscent of the sleek BMW's or Mercedes — a distinctly European flavour.



Inside, equal care has been taken with a clean, simple layout of instruments and controls, and comfortable seats. The car is also roomier than it might seem from outside, with legroom to spare for a tall back-seat passenger behind an equally tall driver. The back seat will take three adults in comfort.

Power comes from the Peugeot 304 motor, a 1472 c.c. transverse 4 with cast iron "wet" cylinders in a light alloy block. The 1472 develops 74 bhp to give a top speed of 152 kph, and acceleration from 0 to 100 in 13.2 seconds.

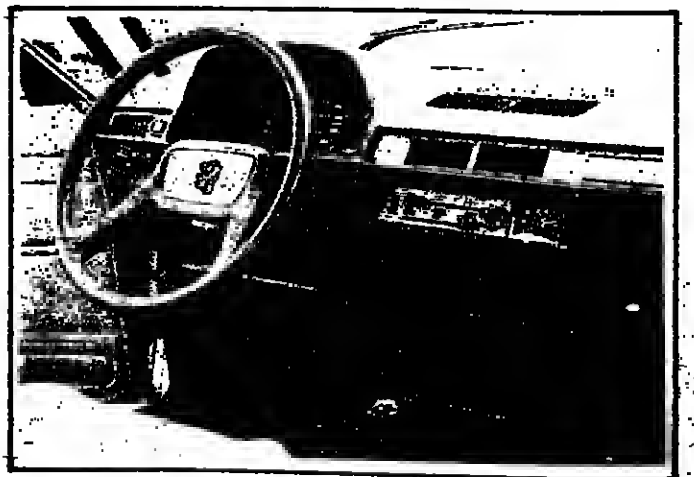
A long torque range means that the 1472 version will pull up to 110 kph in third gear, but oo difficulty handling 40 kph around town in top gear.

Peugeot have also tightened up their ideas on suspension. Gone is the soft rock and roll that French manufacturers seemed to regard as essential to a good ride, and the handling is now reminiscent of German or British cars, with excellent road holding on all kinds of surface.

This is mainly due to alterations in the front suspension. Peugeot have used independent suspension all round on the 304, with Mac-Pherson struts, but the 305 features a wider track at the front with twin anti-roll bars.

Linked with light, positive rack and pinion steering, the suspension makes the 305 easy and predictable even when driven quite hard, an important point where safety is concerned.

Safety is another aspect that has been carefully looked at. The body features front and rear energy-absorbing zones, transverse reinforcement of the floor pan, and a fuel tank mounted under the floor between the rear wheels, where it is least likely to split in case of accidents.



To guard against minor bumps, the side panels are protected by a sensible thick rubber strip. Visibility has always been a feature of Peugeot, and this is no less so with the 305. The square design of the body means, too, that all the corners of the car are visible from the drivers seat, making parking that much easier.

Careful thought has also gone into the design of the dashboard, which is simply laid out with large dials. This pink illumination at night may sound a little garish, but it has been chosen by Peugeot as the most restful for the eyes.

The dashboard also features the large ventilation outlets, both for car and windshield, that have for some time been a feature of Peugeot design.

One major feature of the 305 is the gearbox. It seems that the days of the sloppy gearchange on front-wheel drive cars is finally over. The gearbox, mounted in the sump of the transverse engine, is light and precise.

On the road, the 305 is quiet to ride in, always a feature of Peugeot, which have in the past been well-insulated against engine noise. Added to this, the design has been carefully wind-tested to iron out those parts that create wind-noise.

Luggage capacity is good, with a large boot with no spare wheel to clutter it up. The wheel is mounted underneath.

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Revokes visa

Washington bans fight by Knoetze

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — South African heavyweight boxer Kallie Knoetze's entry visa into the United States has been revoked and his fight scheduled for Saturday in Miami Beach is off, the U.S. Embassy here said Tuesday.

The embassy said word had been received from the U.S. State Department about the revocation of the visa earlier in the day.

The visa revocation sought by U.S. civil rights groups, makes Knoetze an illegal alien and blocks his fight against American Bill Sharkey.

"We are awaiting some more details but all we really know at this stage is that the visa has been revoked," the embassy said.

A report published in the United States said the visa was revoked because Knoetze was convicted felon.

The American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sports headed by the Rev. Jesse Jackson opposed the fight because of the 24-year-old Knoetze's conduct while serving in the Pretoria police force.

Knoetze shot and wound-

ed a black youth in the legs during the bloody clashes in Soweto two years ago. The youth later had a leg amputated.

Knoetze resigned from the force in November because he said, he wanted to devote time to boxing and his farm here. He had been found guilty several months earlier of obstructing justice after he had pleaded guilty of trying to put pressure on two boys not to testify against a police colleague who was charged with assaulting them.

Knoetze, ranked number two challenger for Muhammad Ali's World Boxing Association (WBA) title, had hoped victory over Sharkey, ranked number 12 in the United States, would lead to a title fight.

Saturday's bout would have been the first outside South Africa for Knoetze who rose rapidly in the world rankings after knocking out leading American heavyweight Donny Bobick last year.

Groups of protesters had announced plans to demonstrate at the fight if it had been allowed to go ahead.

McEnroe best newcomer

Players pick Borg as No.1 of 1978

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP) — Three-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg is the choice of tennis pros as Player of the Year, and John McEnroe was named Newcomer of the Year Monday.

The honors are voted by the Association of Tennis Professionals, the players' union.

Borg, 22, won the French and Italian Opens and Wimbledon in 1978 and finished second in world rankings to Jimmy Connors. The Swede defeated Connors at Wimbledon, but lost to him in the U.S. Open.

McEnroe, a 19-year-old New Yorker, was the leading player of the team that won the Da-



BORG: Voted best

vis Cup from Great Britain last month. Although he first drew notice at Wimbledon in

Veteran W. German skies to special slalom victory

CRANS-MONTANA, Switzerland, Jan. 9 (AP) — West German veteran Christian Neureuther Tuesday scored his first World Cup success in five years winning the men's special slalom meet here.

Neureuther's overall time was 1:45.27 seconds, 22-hundredths of a second better than Petar Popangelov of Bulgaria, who was second and still awaits his first World Cup win. Third was Italy's Karl Trojer.

The 29-year-old West German was in eighth place after the opening run, but with a fantastic burst of speed and determination he shot ahead of younger skiers in the second.

"I just decided to take a risk and attack flat out. But frankly, I never thought I could do enough actually to win," Neureuther told reporters after bugging teammates and friends at the finish.

Earlier last season champion Ngemar Stenmark produced the first big shock of the new year when he was eliminated from the Slalom while trying to make up for an earlier fault. In his first fall in World Cup competition for more than two years, the Swedish star crashed on to the track in the last third of the opening run, having already brushed an early gate which lost him precious time.



RUNS IN: England's Derek Randall just makes it to the crease on his way to a steady 65 in the fourth Test against Australia.

Ashes series hinges on morning session

SYDNEY, Jan. 9 (AP) — The first session of Wednesday's fourth day of the Fourth Test between England and Australia looks as the most important of the series.

England will resume Wednesday at 133 for two in its

second innings still trailing Australia's first innings total of 294 by nine runs.

Derek Randall is not out 65 and Graham Gooch not out 6. Australia has a golden opportunity to level the series at two-all in this Test, but they must break through early Wednesday morning.

If Randall and Gooch can last the morning session then Australia can probably kiss goodbye to any hopes of victory, and any hopes of winning the series.

The pitch is starting to take some turn at the southern end but it is far from a dangerous strip.

There are still plenty of runs in the wicket and England's captain Mike Brearley is looking for a 200 to 230 run lead.

"It's not a matter of playing for a win or just to save the game. At this stage we will have to bat for as long as possible to get as many runs as possible," Brearley said.

"The Test is still marginally in Australia's favor. But our play the last two days has been a tremendously brave performance. Saturday was just a disaster. We had a team meeting on Saturday and decided to start to build up our game again," he said.

Graham Yallop is still adamant that Australia will win this Test. But after having a struggle to hold on Saturday night the game has slipped away. England can conceivably win.

The Australian bowlers were magnificent to dismiss England for 152 in the first innings, but the batsmen failed to take advantage of the situation.

Leading English League scorers

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP) — Leading goalscorers in the English League:

Division One
Frank Worthington, Bolton, 17
Rob Latchford, Everton, 14
Alan Buckley, Walsall, 12
John Ryan, Norwich, 11

Frank Stapleton, Arsenal, 11
Liam Brady, Arsenal, 11
Kenney Dalglish, Liverpool, 10
Jimmy Greenhoff, Manchester United, 10
Alan Gowling, Bolton, 10

Division two
Pop Robson, West Ham, 17
Alex Bruce, Preston, 15
Paul Randall, Bristol Rovers, 13
Gary Rowell, Sunderland, 13
Brian Stein, Luton, 13
Mick Flanagan, Charlton, 13
David Cross, West Ham, 12
Martin Robinson, Charlton, 12
Alan Biley, Cambridge, 12

Play resumes Saturday

3 clubs to fight out tight Bundesliga battle

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Jan. 9 (AP) — Three clubs are locked in a tight battle for the West German soccer championship when the return leg of the season gets under way Saturday.

Leading the Bundesliga are FC Kaiserslautern, the surprise team of the early part of the championship.

It is followed by Hamburg SV only one point behind. VFB Stuttgart another point back.

Eintracht Frankfurt is fourth, six points behind the leader and four points behind Stuttgart, and thus rated out of contention.

The three leading clubs are naturally regarded with Hamburg and Stuttgart given slightly better chances than Kaiserslautern, which many experts fear will not have the stamina to continue its winning performance through the rest of the season.

Hamburg's efforts received a morale booster on Sunday when English superstar Kevin Keegan, just recently voted West Germany's most valuable player by his colleagues and opponents in the league, decided to stay with the club.

Keegan, nicknamed "Mighty Mouse," had received some tempting offers from abroad including a multi-million dollar bid from the NASL Washington Diplomats but decided to prolong his contract with Hamburg.

Signing of the new contract will take place within the next days guaranteeing the 27-year-old former Liverpool ace at least DM 420,000 (\$240,000) basic yearly salary. In addition to that he received premiums and earns money from promotional contracts and endorsements so that his total income is likely to top DM 1 million (\$550,000).

Kaiserslautern will have to do without its sweeper Peter Briegel for the next three games. He was sent off during a cup match against an amateur side for pushing an opponent and was banned for eight weeks by the football federation's disciplinary board.

Stuttgart can field its best side again including Hans Mueller, after the young mid-

fielder sat out his four games suspension which cost him two internationals against Hungary and Holland in December.

While the top three have hardly any problems, defending league champion FC Cologne is still struggling to gain a footing.

After winning the coveted double the cup and the league championship Cologne never regained its composure.

Midfielder Heinz Flnbe was sidelined with injuries during most of the first half and other injured players added to the calamities. Furthermore, striker Dieter Mueller has only found his mark three times in 17 league-matches providing the greatest disappointment to his club. Halfway through last season he had already 17 goals to his credit.

The team clearly overestimated its own strength, sometimes playing arrogantly and subsequently losing easy matches. It is in ninth place going into the second half, ten points off the pace, after climbing up from 14th with three recent victories.



MOST VALUABLE: Kevin Keegan saw out 1978 with a hat-trick against Arminia Bielefeld and is clearly justifying the \$1 million Hamburg paid for him.

For Dallas

Yugoslav heads NASL school draft

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP) — Njego Pesa was chosen by the Dallas Tornado as the first of 97 players drafted Monday by North American Soccer League teams in its annual selection of college and high school players.

Pesa, a native of Yugoslavia, is a forward from Ulster, New York, Community College.

Adrian Brooks, a midfielder from Philadelphia Textile, was picked No. 2 by Atlanta. Larry Hulcer, St. Louis University midfielder, was taken third by Los Angeles, and Jeff Durgen, a defender from Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington, was drafted fourth by the Cosmos, the defending league champion.

The 24 NASL teams selected 66 players from four-year colleges, four from junior col-

leges and 29 from high schools.

In addition, eight of the players who had petitioned the NASL as hardship cases requesting they be drafted were selected. Any four-year college or junior college players who do not sign will be eligible for a second draft in the spring.

The Cosmos only selected Durgen, trading its other two picks to Houston and Toronto. Twenty-two players who performed in the recent Senior Bowl were picked.

Pesa, who attended high school in New York, said he was not sure he would sign with Dallas. He led Ulster Community College to two straight national titles.

Pesa said he might enroll at

Hartwick College, despite Dallas' having dealt Jeff Bourne, a striker who scored 21 goals last year, to Atlanta in order to secure the first pick.

Tornado Coach Al Miller said, "Every effort will be made to sign him. He scored 27 goals two years ago and 26 last year. You can never tell how a player will develop. Much depends upon the team he joins — and we think the Tornado is just the right opportunity for Pesa."

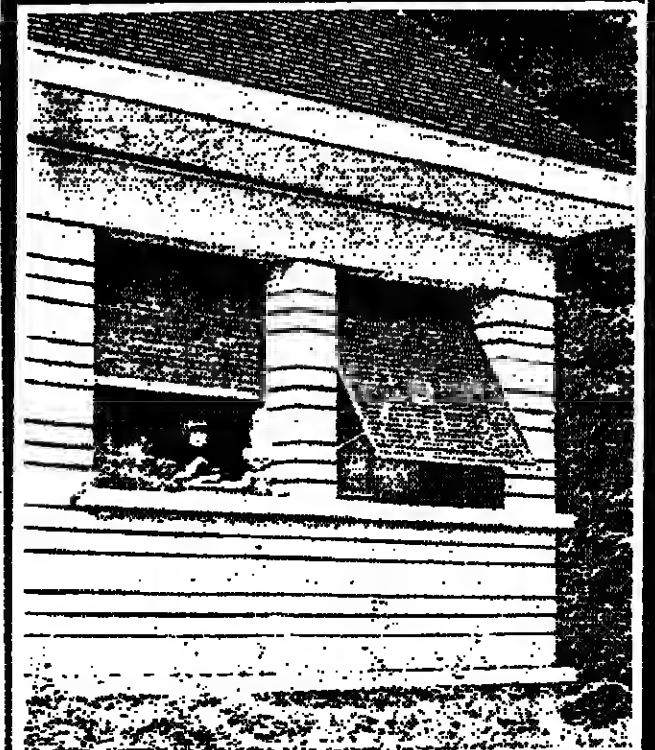
"Everything will depend upon the offer I receive," said Pesa. "I have to talk to Miller and Francisco Marcos."

Marcos, the Tornado's vice president of player personnel, said, "We would have given up all of our choices to get Pesa."

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Japanese may go it alone on Iran petrochemicals

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (R) — The Iranian side in a joint \$3.25 billion petrochemical venture with Japan's Mitsui industrial group was unable to put up the cash needed to complete the project, the company said Tuesday.

But Toshiyuki Yahiro, a Mitsui vice-president, said it would go ahead with building the complex at Bandar Shapur on the Gulf if it could obtain extra funds from Japanese banks.

Yahiro, who is president of the Iran Chemical Development Co., the Japanese partner in the 50-50 joint venture, recently visited Tehran to assess the complex's future in the light of the political turmoil in Iran.

He said the Mitsui group would have to change its policy of always matching its supply of funds with the progress of Iranian investment.

It would have to supply some cash to allow building to

continue.

The Mitsui Group would ask the Japanese government to support the new policy, which was the only way to complete the complex, Yahiro added.

France wants U.S. help to build new Concorde

PARIS, Jan. 9 (AP) — Transport Minister Joel Le Theule said Tuesday France was looking ahead to a new generation of the supersonic Concorde, to be built with American participation.

At a ceremony in which he officially received the Concorde's American airworthiness certificate, Le Theule said he would "do everything so that studies of the supersonic aircraft continue and a second generation comes into being."

He said he would have talks on the subject with British transport officials in March.

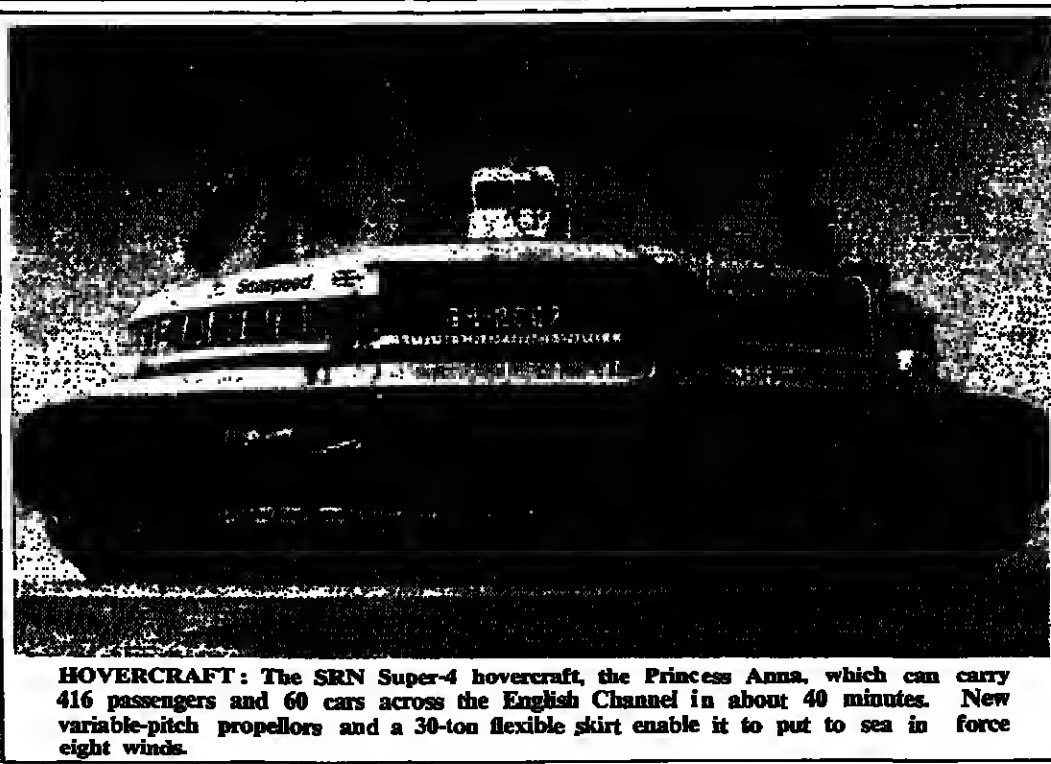
He did not say how much cash would be needed, but sources close to the group estimated the figure at about 11 billion yen (\$56.4 million).

The complex is scheduled to be completed next year.

Britain and France are joint manufacturers of the Concorde. But he added, "It is likely that such a plane will be the fruit of cooperation that will include American manufacturers."

The airworthiness certificate officially permits the Concorde of Air France and British Airways to extend their existing Europe-Washington runs to Dallas.

The Concorde began flying to the United States only after overcoming resistance from Americans concerned about the plane's high noise level.



HOVERCRAFT: The SRN Super-4 hovercraft, the Princess Anna, which can carry 416 passengers and 60 cars across the English Channel in about 40 minutes. New variable-pitch propellers and a 30-ton flexible skirt enable it to put to sea in force eight winds.

Graiver mystery lingers

Banker's body can't be tried

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (R) — A judge has ruled that an Argentine financier accused of looting \$15 million from an American bank he owned could not be put on trial because there was no proof that he was alive.

The financier, David Graiver, was originally believed to have died in the crash of a chartered jet north of Acapulco, Mexico, Aug. 7, 1976.

A body said to be his was cremated the next day in

Mexico City.

At the time of the crash, his activities at the American Bank and Trust Co. were being investigated and the firm went bankrupt a month later.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said last year he had evidence that Graiver had not died in the plane crash and he was charged with looting the bank.

He was to have been tried in absentia Feb. 15 with three former officers of the bank, but Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Arnold Friedman ruled Monday that evidence submitted by Morgenthau did not prove one way or another whether Graiver was dead or alive.

Oil up 50% in 6 years, French report predicts

PARIS, Jan. 9 (AP) — The price of oil is likely to rise another 50 per cent by 1985 compared with prices a year ago and stand at \$20 to \$25 a barrel says a government-commissioned study.

The study was completed last February, before the latest price rise, and upgraded estimates of Mexican oil production. It has only now been published by the National Economic Statistics Institution.

It warns of a possible "jolt" in oil prices in the next few years, comparable to the four-

fold increase after the 1973 October War.

The study, prepared as part of a survey of French economic prospects in the next decade, concedes that predictions of oil price increases depend on too many factors to be precise.

But it warns that "the world's energy crisis is just beginning" and that by the mid-1980s "the era of oil itself" will show signs of disappearing before substitute energy sources are prepared.

U.S. refineries strike awaits government word

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 9 (AP) — The country's 60,000 oil refinery workers continued to delay their threatened nationwide strike, as union officials awaited government reaction to a possible 73-cent-per-hour raise.

The contract dispute is the first major union showdown over President Carter's voluntary wage-price guidelines, which allow for a seven per cent increase in wages and benefits over the life of a contract.

Dollar slightly higher

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP) — The dollar was fractionally higher against most major world currencies Tuesday. Gold prices also rose. The dollar closed in Tokyo at 195.60 yen up from 195.30 on Monday. Dealers said trading was quiet.

World tobacco output up 2.6%

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP) — World tobacco production rose 2.6 per cent to a near-record of 5.59 million metric tons in 1978, including hefty increases in China, India, Brazil and the United States, says the U.S. Agriculture Department. But the Soviet Union's tobacco harvest dropped slightly, it said.

India, E. Germany sign trade accord

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (AP) — India and East Germany Tuesday signed a six-year agreement on economic, technical, industrial and scientific cooperation. The accord was signed by East German Communist Party politburo member Guenter Mittag and Indian Industries Minister George Fernandes after official talks between Erich Honecker, East German head of state, and Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

| Opening Tuesday | SAMA rate | Cash | Transfer |
|-----------------------|------------|--------|----------|
| U.S. Dollar | 3.32 | 3.33 | 3.33 |
| Pound Sterling | 6.72 | 6.76 | 6.78 |
| Deutsche Mark | 1.80 (100) | 181.00 | 181.50 |
| Swiss F | 2.02 (100) | 204.00 | 204.00 |
| French F | 0.79 (100) | 79.25 | 79.25 |
| Italian Lira (1000) | — | 4.10 | 4.05 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 110.25 | 110.00 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 81.00 | 85.25 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.55 | 4.75 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | — | 12.15 |
| Jordanian Dinar | — | 11.35 | 11.30 |
| Emirate Dirham (100) | — | — | 86.25 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | — | — | 86.25 |
| Bahraini Dinar | — | 41.25 | 8.62 |
| Iranian Riyal (100) | — | 9.50 | — |
| Iraqi Dinar | — | 73.75 | 72.80 |
| Yemeni Riyal (100) | — | — | — |
| South Yemeni Dinar | — | — | — |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | — | 79.00 | 86.25 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | 36.50 | 40.50 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | — | 32.50 | 33.60 |
| Gold kg | — | 24,000 | — |
| 10 Tolas bar | — | 2,810 | — |
| Silver kg bar | — | 665 | — |
| Japanese yen (100) | 1.70 | — | — |
| Canadian dollar | 2.79 | — | — |
| Belgian franc (10) | 1.15 | — | — |
| Dutch guilder | 1.67 | — | — |
| Italian Lira (100) | 0.40 | — | — |

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency exchange and Commerce, Jeddah.

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London Money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

U.S., Japanese trade cooperation in China seen

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (AP) — The leader of Japan's powerful Federation of Economic Organizations said Tuesday he saw great potential for cooperation between American and Japanese companies in China.

Toshiwo Doko, 82-year-old federation leader and spokesman for the Japanese business community, said he looked to the recently announced cooperation between U.S. Steel and a Japanese trading firm in the development of an iron mine in northeast China as "a possible future trend."

Doko said, "There is no reason for Japan to do things alone all the time."

Under an agreement announced in Tokyo Saturday, Okura and Company, a Japanese trading firm specializing in steel, is to supply machinery and other equipment to U.S. Steel. The American steel giant is to spend \$1 billion to develop the Chi-Ta-Shan mine in northeast China. The protocol was signed last week.

Japan is at present China's No. 1 supplier of plant equipment. Construction already has begun on a steel mill to be built in China by Nippon Steel.

Doko said, "U.S.-China diplomatic relations should go a long way to improving the atmosphere in China trade. It will help us a lot too."

The Japanese business leader admitted the sudden decrease in the value of the dollar has caused problems in trade between Japan and China. "We are now having to figure out whether to finance deals in dollars or yen," Doko said.

It has been reported that the Chinese are reluctant to approve deals in yen for fear that the Japanese currency may appreciate further in the future. A Japanese delegation of business leaders went to China last year in an attempt to smooth the financial difference.

Doko said "One thing for certain, there is not enough money in the private sector to finance China trade, so government help through the Export-Import Bank will be necessary."

New car sales in U.K. best since '73 record

LONDON, Jan. 9 (UPI) — New car sales in Britain in 1978 totalled 1,591,941, the highest since the record 1,661,642 in 1973 according to figures issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

The 1978 total was slightly below the forecast of 1.6 million and 20.3 per cent higher than the 1977 total of 1,323,524.

The best-selling car in Britain was the Ford Cortina, with 139,204 sold, followed by the Ford Escort (114,415) and Morris Marina (82,638).

Importers took 49.3 per cent of the 1978 market, against 45.4 per cent in the previous year.

Japanese cars ended the year with 10.96 per cent of the market, compared with 10.61 per cent in 1977, while other EEC countries took 32.8 per cent, compared with 31.1 per cent in the previous 12 months.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

| Authority | Description | No. of Tender | Price SR | Closing Date |
|--|--|---------------|----------|--------------|
| * Ministry of Agriculture and Water | Laying of water pipes for the Municipality of Mleiha from the new well No. 801 | 2/8 | 200 | Jan. 23 |
| * Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Eastern Province | Security of vehicles and equipment for the municipalities of Eastern Province | xx | 50 | Feb. 12 |
| * Municipality of Abha | Re-illumination of side-streets in Abha | xx | 500 | Jan. 23 |
| * Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs | Cleaning and maintaining of the ministry building | xx | 50 | Jan. 13 |
| * Directorate of Education, Taif | Equipping and furnishing of laboratories | 991 | Free | Jan. 28 |
| * Directorate of Education, Qassim | Securing of educational aids | xx | 50 | Jan. 28 |
| | Maintenance of lifts | xx | 100 | Feb. 2 |



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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 11.2.1399/9.1.1979
TIME: 0700 HRS.

| 1. Vessels Working the Ship | Name of the Ship | Agent | Type of cargo | Arrival Date |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------|
| 12 | HENRIETTE SCHULTE | KANOO | GEN-CONTS | 8/1/1979 |
| 15 | IBN AL ABBAR | KANOO | GEN-CEMENT/ STEEL | 8/1/1979 |
| 16 | NIEHBURG | KANOO | GEN-STEEL PIPES | 6/1/1979 |
| 17 | MEGALOHARI-HI | ALSAADA | STEEL-GEN | 7/1/1979 |
| 21 | WORLD CREST (D.B.) | ALIREZA | BULK CEMENT | 5/1/1979 |
| 26 | KAYO GROSSOS | UEP | SUGAR IN BAGS | 7/1/1979 |
| 27 | ARIES CHIEF | KANOO | SHEEP | 20/12/1978 |

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2-Recent Arrivals

| IBN AL ABBAR | KANOO | GEN-CEMENT/ STEEL | 8/1/1979 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------|----------|
| ROCKLANE | KANOO | RO-RO-CONTS | 8/1/1979 |
| NEDILLOYD | KANOO | CONTAINERS | 8/1/1979 |
| MARETANIA STRATHMORE (2ND CALL) | KANOO | REEFER | 8-1/1979 |

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

| TAIKU | KANOO | — | — |
|---------------|-----------|---|---|
| LEDA MAERSK | BARBER | — | — |
| ARION | ALSAADA | — | — |
| TERRIER | BARBER | — | — |
| SITHONIA | JOEASIA | — | — |
| BARGE QN-115 | BARBER | — | — |
| DORA BALTEA | AL GOSABI | — | — |
| CAPTAIN LEMOS | KANOO | — | — |
| IBN RUSHD | KANOO | — | — |
| MARO | ORRI | — | — |

4-TONNAGE DISCHARGED: 30,817

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 9TH JANUARY 1979

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH VESSEL AGENT CARGO ARR.DATE

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| 2 | — | — | — | — |
| 3 | ADIB | O.C.E. | FROZ POULTRY | 7/1/1979 |
| 4 | MINERVA II | ALWANI | CANNED GOODS | 9/1/1979 |
| 5 | CHAR LO | ABDALLAH | CONTS/TIMBER | 6/1/1979 |
| 6 | GOLNAR | ALPHA | BAGGED BARLEY | 4/1/1979 |
| 7 | BORA 2 | O.C.E. | GENERAL | 8/1/1979 |
| 8 | EURABIA SKY | SHOBOKSHI | GENERAL | 8/1/1979 |
| 9 | ASSOMATOS | S.E.A. | MAIZE RICE/GENERAL | 6/1/1979 |
| 10 | ZINNIA | ALSAADA | BAGGED CEMENT | 30/12/1978 |
| 11 | PANAGIA SPILLIANI | ALWANI | BAGGED CEMENT | 6-1/1979 |
| 12 | — | — | — | — |
| 13 | NASEEM | N.S.I. | COTTON SEEDS/OIL CAKE | 5/1/1979 |
| 14 | MARE TRANQUILLO | BAROOM | BAGGED CEMENT | 5/1/1979 |
| 15 | — | — | — | — |
| 16 | — | — | — | — |
| 17 | UDYSEUS | ROLACO | BULK CEMENT | 26/12/1978 |
| 18 | TOKI ARROW | AL SABAH | BULK CEMENT | 2/1/1979 |
| 19 | MALDIVE SKIPPER | OCEAN TRD. | TILES/GENERAL/TIMBER | 8/1/1979 |
| 20 | — | — | — | — |
| 21 | DEMETRIOS C | O.C.E. | CHICKENS | 5/1/1979 |
| 22 | FILIPINAS SAUDI I | S.A.M.A. | ACCOMMODATION SHIP | — |
| 23 | — | — | — | — |
| 24 | — | — | — | — |
| 25 | — | — | — | — |
| 26 | — | — | — | — |
| 27 | — | — | — | — |
| 28 | — | — | — | — |
| 29 | (BARGES EN) OAK | KANOO | GENERAL | 8/1/1979 |
| 30 | GEORGE | GULF | TIMBER/STEEL/GENERAL | 9/1/1979 |
| 31 | MELINA TSIRIS | KANOO | ASBESTOS | 8/1/1979 |
| 32 | LAERTES | ALATAS | CONTAINERS GENERAL | 6/1/1979 |
| 33 | SCOTT | O.C.E. | SUGAR | 2/1/1979 |
| 34 | DRAKESTAIN | STAR NAV. | FRUIT/CHICKENS MEAT | 4/1/1979 |

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2-Recent Arrivals

| TUCURINCA | M.E.S.A. | BANANAS | 8-1/1979 |
|---------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| CONON FOREST | MEDCO | CONTAINERS | 8/1/1979 |
| EAGLE GLORY | ALSAADA | BAGGED RICE | 8/1/1979 |
| ROBERT L.D. | ALSAADA | BULK CEMENT | 8/1/1979 |
| WAKATAKE MARU | OCEAN TRD. | TILES/GEN./TIMBER | 8/1/1979 |
| — | ALIREZA | H. VEH./CANNED GOODS | 8/1/1979 |
| — | — | GENERAL | — |
| MINERVA II | — | CANNED GOODS | 9/1/1979 |
| GEORGE | — | TIMBER/STEEL GENERAL | 9/1/1979 |

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

| HANS KRUEGER | ALIREZA | GENERAL/CEMENT | 9/1/1979 |
|----------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| HELLENIC FAITH | ALPHA | FEED MEAL/GENERAL | 9/1/1979 |
| BLUE OCEAN | BARBOUD | CONTAINERS | 9/1/1979 |
| ARISTIDIS | OCEAN TRD. | DURRA/VEHICLES | 9/1/1979 |
| — | — | H. LIFTSCHEMS/CONTS | — |
| — | — | MIS. | — |
| ABDALLAH | EL HAWI | SAWN WHITE WOOD | — |
| HAMLET ARABIA | S.N.L. | CONTS/VEHICLES/GEN. | — |
| STONEWALL | A.E.T. | LARGE BARGES OF RICE | — |
| JACKSON | — | GENERAL | — |
| CAP LARDIER | ALPHA | RO RO | — |
| TATIANGELA | ALWANI | CORFEE/B. BEANS/ | — |
| — | — | P. SEEDS | — |
| ELLI 2 | A.A. | BAGGED CEMENT | 9/1/1979 |

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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| Stock | Jan. 5 | Jan. 4 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Alcoa | 35 1/2 | 34 1/2 |
| Am. Life & Cas. | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Oil | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Steel | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Tel. & Tel. | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Transp. | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Water | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Elec. Pow. | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Gas | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Sugar | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Tobacco | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Paper | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Textile | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Chemical | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Rubber | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Leather | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Glass | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Cement | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Brick | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Lumber | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Furniture | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Electronics | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Computers | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Software | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Hardware | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Tools | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Machinery | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Equipment | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Vehicles | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Aircraft | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Space | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Defense | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Military | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Naval | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Air Force | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Army | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Marine | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Am. Coast Guard | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
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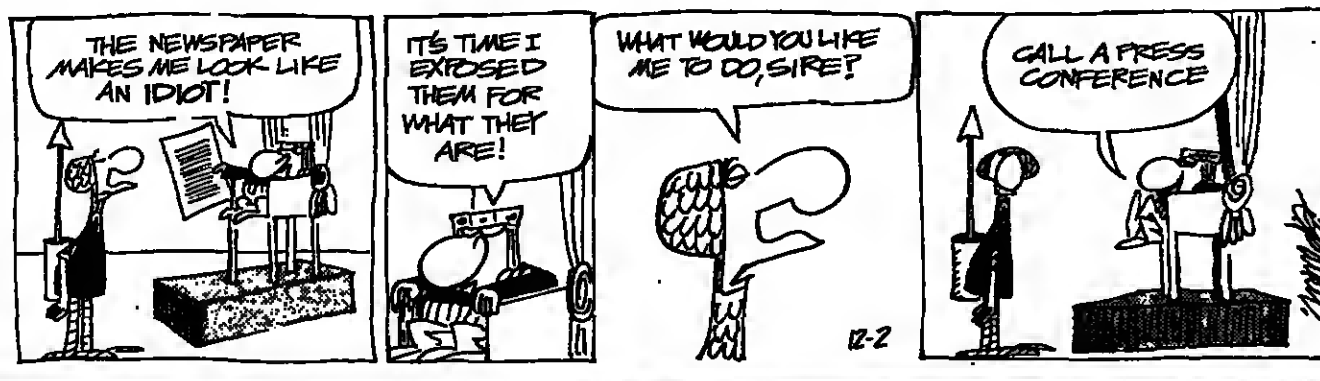
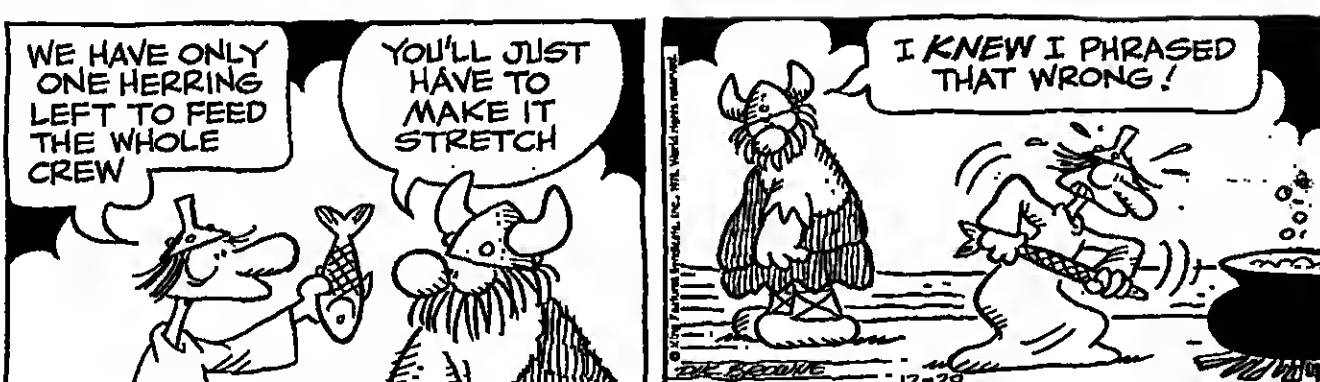
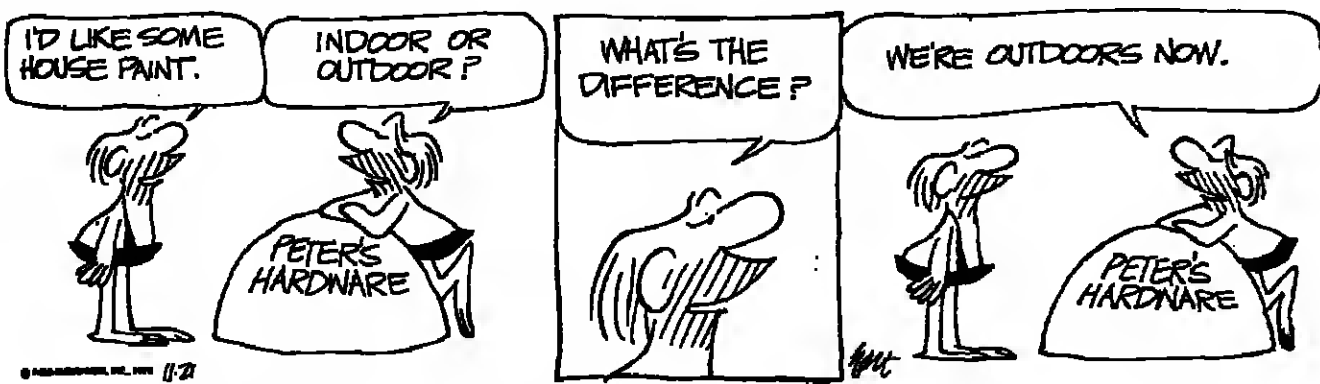
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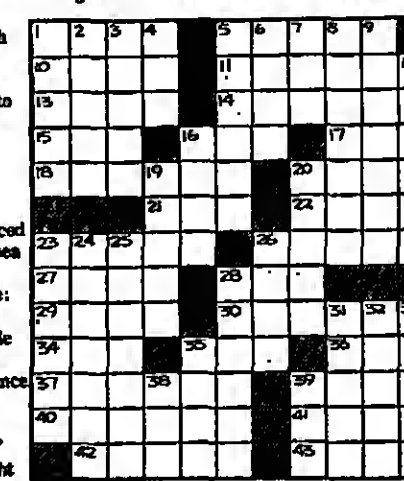
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Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
1 Famous doctor
3 Shortest antelope
10 Crime-solving aid
11 Borneo, e.g.
12 Seconded
14 Position at the plate
15 "I - Camera"
16 Shout
17 Carriage
18 Coach's concern
19 Pitcher
21 Civil War vets org.
22 Path
23 Test for worth
26 Gold Rush taker
27 Expedite
28 Opposed to
29 Shopper's plunger
30 Roman river
31 Experienced town
32 Substituted
33 Clue
34 Car file
35 Repeat performance
41 Region
42 "The Balcony" playwright
- DOWN
1 Get lost!
3 Davy Crockett's waterloo
4 Moon-shaped
5 Family member
6 Regarding
7 Stevedores' union
8 Underworld hostilities
9 Very old
12 Student's goal
13 Palm leaf
14 Expectant purchase
15 Reimburse
16 Roll call answer
18 Participating
19 Taciturnity
20 Scottish explorer
21 Showiness
22 Artist's purchase
23 Reimburse
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Yesterday's Answer
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

AHPWK DWGY CRH YBLCFUHL
GD GCEHWL NGQ ZFK'C ABTH
AGXX BEGQXE CG YFUE CEHY
FAA NGQWLHAD - YFWCBE IFRINH
YFHWCE IFRINH: ALL WOMEN ARE PERFECT, ESPECIALLY SHE WHO LOVES YOU. - TURKISH PROVERB

Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge: B. Jay Becker

Confusion Reigns Supreme

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 9 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A J 8 7 6 5 3
♣ 6 4
EAST
♠ 7 5 3
♥ A 2 6 5 4
♦ A 2 10
♣ 9 8 6 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass
5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
6♥ Pass 7♥ Pass

Opening lead - three of hearts. Courage is undoubtedly a valuable commodity, but where courage ends and prudence begins is often debatable. It can't be said that East lacked either fortitude or imagination when he doubled four spades in this deal. Certainly he lacked the four tricks his double implied, and yet his double was not as silly as it seems. East was hoping that his double would be interpreted as lead-directing. He reasoned that if West had one quick entry the contract would go down with a club lead.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

| WEDNESDAY | Fajr | Ishraq | Dhuhr | Asr | Maghreb | Isha |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|------|---------|------|
| Mecca | 5:41 | 7:05 | 12:34 | 3:40 | 5:58 | 7:28 |
| Medina | 5:49 | 7:12 | 12:37 | 3:38 | 5:55 | 7:25 |
| Nejd | 5:13 | 6:41 | 12:02 | 3:04 | 5:21 | 6:51 |

DHAHRAN TV

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5:30 Childre's Show | Electric Co No. 399 |
| 6:13 Four Winds to Adv. | The Splunkers |
| 6:37 Soccer Training | Laws and Referees |
| 7:10 Smoking Spot | The Play-Hard |
| 7:11 Safety Film | Dangerous Kettles |
| 7:12 Eight Is Enough | Who's On First |
| 7:59 Randall & Hopkirk | House On A Haunted Hill |
| 8:47 Channel Theater | Heatwave |

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
A low thermal depression eastward will cause temperatures to drop over the eastern and central regions, while southerly winds will turn northerly raising sand storms. A coexistence of clouds may bring showers with occasional thunderstorms over the northeastern region and southwestern highlands. The temperatures will continue to decline over the western and northwestern regions, and surface winds will blow northerly to north-easterly at moderate to active speed, raising dust and sands at different intervals.

| Sea conditions will be rough on the western coast and medium on the eastern. | | | | | |
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| Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade) | | | | | |
| Mecca | 25 | 19 | Hail | 20 | 10 |
| Jeddah | 27 | 23 | Tabuk | 13 | 05 |
| Riyadh | 26 | 14 | Turab | 08 | 04 |
| Dhahran | 23 | 15 | Bisha | 27 | 14 |
| Medina | 23 | 18 | Yanbu | 23 | 19 |
| Taif | 20 | 16 | Abha | 17 | 08 |

SAUDI RADIO

| Afternoon Transmission | Evening Transmission |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1:00 Opening | 10:00 Opening |
| 1:01 The Holy Quran | 10:01 The Holy Quran |
| 1:05 Ours of Guidance | 10:05 Message to the Faithful |
| 1:15 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle | 10:10 Light Music |
| 1:30 S.A. Historical Notes | |
| 1:35 Off the Record | |
| 2:00 Your Choice | 10:15 NEWS |
| 2:30 On Islam | 10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle |
| 2:40 Islamic Divine Truth | 10:30 Music Worldwide |
| 2:50 Music | 11:00 Champions of Solidarity |
| 3:00 NEWS | 11:10 Press Review |
| 3:10 Press Review | 11:15 The Sixties |
| 3:20 Music | 11:45 The World of Culture |
| 3:30 My Music | 12:00 Islamic Contributions |
| | 12:15 The Songwriters |
| | 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams |
| 3:50 Close Down | 12:59 Close Down |

VOA

| P.M. | News Summary |
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| 8:00 News Roundup | 8:30 VOA Magazine |
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BBC

| Morning Transmission | 4.30 The Pleasure's Yours |
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| 6:00 World News | 5:15 Report on Religion |
| 6:09 "Twenty-Four Hours" | 6:00 Radio Newsweek |
| 6:30 News Summary | 6:15 "Outlook" |
| 6:45 World Today | 7:00 World News |
| 7:00 Newsweek | 7:09 Commentary |
| 7:30 "Opera Star" | 7:15 "Sherlock Holmes" |
| 8:00 World News | 7:45 World Today |
| 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours | 8:09 World News |
| 8:30 News Summary | 8:09 "Books and Writing" |
| 8:30 "Star Ward" | 8:30 "Take One" |
| 8:45 "Something to Show You" | 8:45 Sports Round-up |
| 9:00 World News | 9:00 World News |
| 9:09 News about Britain | 9:09 News about Britain |
| 9:15 Radio Newsweek | 9:15 Radio Newsweek |
| 9:30 Farming World | 9:30 Farming World |
| 10:00 Outlook News Summary | 10:00 Outlook News Summary |
| 10:39 Stock Market Report | 10:39 Stock Market Report |
| 10:43 Look Ahead | 10:43 Look Ahead |
| 10:45 Ulster in Focus | 10:45 Ulster in Focus |
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Friends will back you in career endeavors now, but be circumspect in speech and behavior with those you don't know well.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Work for your own financial benefit. Don't count on others for financial help, but an unexpected outing with a close ally should be entertaining.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Try a new approach to mundane tasks. Rearrange your office, buy a work-saving appliance, or find new methods to improve efficiency. It's that kind of day.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Don't let an inclination towards solitude keep you from accepting an invitation for good times. Go along, and be pleasantly surprised.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Instead of daydreaming about romantic adventure, use your imagination to good advantage with creative work at the job and in the home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Creative work goes well. Don't hesitate to promote an unusual idea. If at all con-

fused, remind yourself of basic objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
If you are thinking of moving, a valuable lead could be found today. Friends can come up with ideas for a new home or plan home entertainments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Be circumspect about financial dealings but open about other matters. Account creativity, and investigate new schools of thought.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Put money-making ideas to work now for quick financial gain. If attending a social function, avoid any tendency toward jealousy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Show others your ingenuity in work situations and be receptive to the ideas of a new friend at a get-together. Be innovative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
A person you underestimated in the past may come up with a good idea. Give credit where it's due. Discussions with higher-ups fare well.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
This is a day for making new friends, particularly if you are traveling. News from a distance should lighten your spirits. Sign up for that special course!

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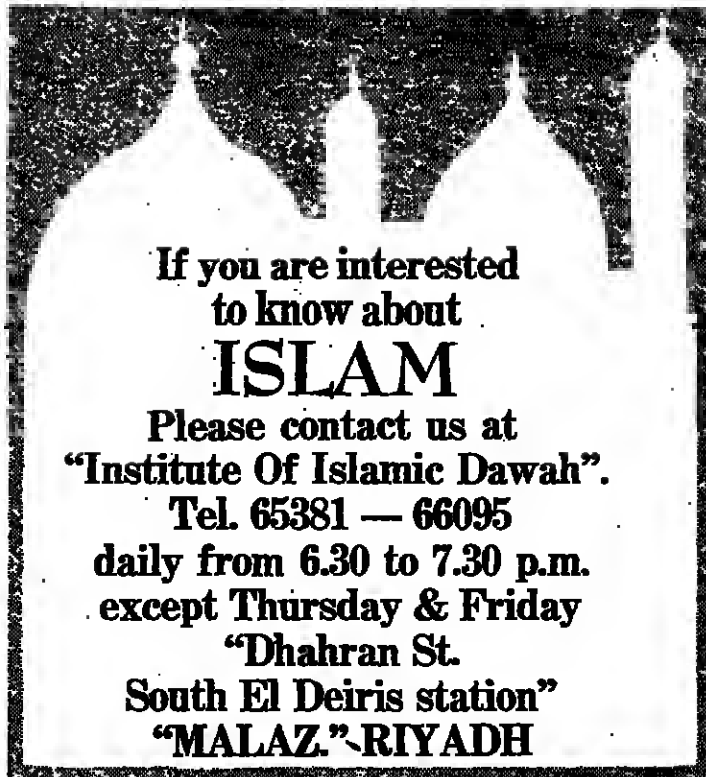
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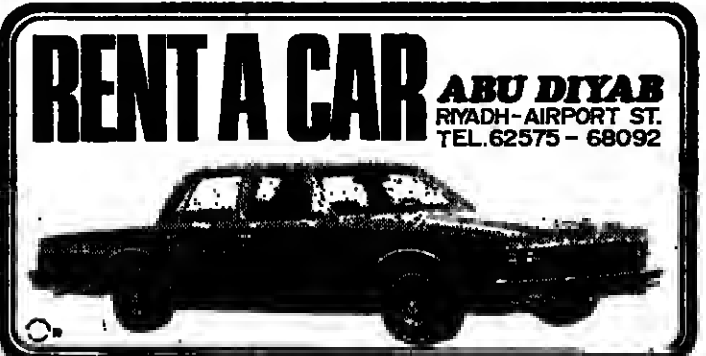
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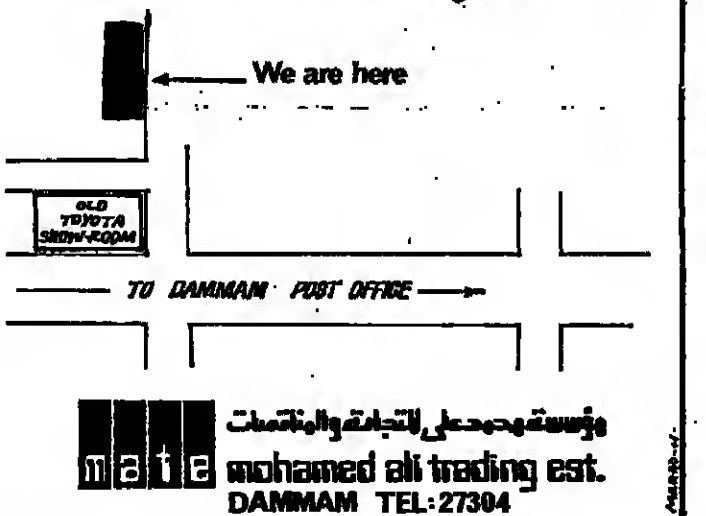


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Thousands mourn Chou for 3rd successive day

PEKING, Jan. 9 (R) — Thousands of people gathered in Peking's central square for the third successive day Tuesday to pay homage to the late Premier Chou En-Lai and call for fewer restrictions on their lives.

Like Monday — the third anniversary of the death of Chou — it was a festive occasion as fresh wreaths in his memory were laid on the Monument to revolutionary martyrs in Tien An Men Square.

Youngsters marched in columns behind the Communist Party Youth League flag, and some people held a rally to demand democracy and human rights.

Their demands included better food, housing and jobs. Posters appearing in the square have confirmed that there has been no official interference with the free-speech campaign.

Chou En-lai has become a symbol of the poster campaign.

A few weeks after his death

In 1976, bloody rioting erupted in the same square. The demonstrators were condemned at the time as counter-revolutionary and many were arrested.

But now the April riots are officially regarded as a revolutionary incident. This change in the party line unleashed a torrent of free speech that began with wall posters calling for the punishment of those involved in suppressing the pro-Chou demonstration.

The poster campaign moved on to criticism of Mao Tse-tung himself, and now concentrates on democracy and human rights.

Only a tiny handful of China's 900 million people are actively participating in the campaign but the crowds cheering speakers in the square indicated widespread support.

They also clustered around a poster calling for a memorial hall to be built for Chou. There have even been calls in the square for the body of Mao Tse-tung to be removed from its huge mausoleum and the building to be turned into a museum.

The mausoleum has been shuttered for many weeks and it is now rare for visitors to inspect the body of Mao — who received only five wreaths in last September's second anniversary of his death.

The hundreds of wreaths outside Tuesday in memory of Chou reflected the esteem in which he is held for his moderate policies.



NO OIL NO OIL: Iranian women return from the oil lines in Tehran Tuesday, where they waited for hours without getting a drop of the liquid particularly precious as winter has hit Tehran (See related story page one.) (AP photo)

To avert bankruptcy

Zaire chief asks for speedy aid

BRUSSELS, Jan. 9 (UPI) — President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire has asked the Belgian government to urge friendly nations to speed up emergency aid to his country, diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

Mobutu, who arrived here Saturday for a four-day private stay in Belgium, made the request at a meeting with Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants and several other members of the Belgian government Saturday night.

The emergency aid was part of a three-tier plan to save the Central African nation from bankruptcy. Eleven Western nations including the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Canada — met twice in Brussels at Bel-

gium's invitation last year.

Zaire's economy, already floundering after nationalization of all enterprises several years ago, proved a failure, suffered two major blows when rebels living in exile in Angola invaded mineral-rich Shaba province twice in the past two years.

Shaba's mineral exports — mainly copper, cobalt and manganese — provide Zaire with most of its foreign currency earnings.

At the second meeting of the "Zaire Club" in Brussels in November, the Western countries agreed to give Zaire some \$300 million in emergency aid.

Mobutu would like the West to speed up this assistance — mainly food, medicine and spare parts. The Zairean government admitted in parliament late last month that the food supply situation was disastrous.

Zaire, which used to be an exporter of farm products has become a net importer in the past few years. But foreign currency to pay for the imports is nonexistent. Transport in the country is erratic, adding to the supply problems.

The Bas-Zaire area, southeast of Kinshasa, which used to be the main food supplier

of the capital, was hit by a 12-month drought which destroyed about 70 percent of the crops last year. Only foreign aid has been able to mitigate the consequences of the food shortage.

Agriculture Minister Lepa-tondele Zambite has been arrested for embezzling substantial government funds his ministry had received to revive agriculture.

The government also admitted that the transport situation has become impossible because of lack of financial means and spare parts. The government said it hoped to get sufficient spare parts in January to keep running 120 buses which still are operating in Kinshasa against 1,000 a year ago.

The second stage of the recovery plan deals with monetary aid financial stabilization. An International Monetary Fund team headed by Erich Blumenthal of West Germany is investigating the operations of the nation's central bank.

The IMF team has blacklisted 50 firms which will get no further credits until they have repatriated funds they are holding abroad. They also were banned from exporting and importing and will get no banking facilities.

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Greek tanker spreads oil on Spain beaches

SAN CIPRIAN, Spain, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — An oil slick from the holed Greek supertanker Andros Patria has fouled beaches along a 100-kilometer stretch of coastline in this northwestern Spanish region.

Naval authorities who inspected the area, 150 kilometers north of the Galician capital of La Coruna, said Spanish navy ships were on their way to dump detergent on the slick.

Residents began to clean up the beaches, and local officials said damage to valuable shellfish beds in the area could be costly.

The Andros Patria, which leaked a large quantity of oil after it was ripped by explosions on New Year's Eve, was reported moving under tow about 250 miles off the Portuguese coastal town of Peniche.

A Portuguese Navy spokesman in Lisbon said a new Greek captain, five Greek crew members and a Dutch salvage team had been transferred on board the tanker.

About 150,000 of the 208,000 tons of Iranian light crude oil originally on the Andros Patria are estimated to be still on board.

A spokesman for British Petroleum in Portugal said the tanker British Dragon, with special hydraulically-operated fenders for going alongside ships, docked last Friday in Lisbon.

Oil transfer is normally only attempted in sheltered anchorages, but the Portuguese government has ordered that it be done outside its 200-mile economic limit in case of pollution.

Despite heavy seas, sailors

and technicians boarded the crewless and leaking supertanker Andros Patria as representatives of the ship's owners and the Portuguese Navy met to decide its fate.

A six-man crew and eight Dutch technicians boarded the 218,000-ton Greek tanker — over a 20-mile oil-slick-trail — "with great difficulty," a Portuguese Navy spokesman said.

Swiss curb land sales to aliens

BERN, Switzerland Jan. 9 (AP) — The Swiss government, reacting to protests over the sell-off of the homeland, plans to tighten curbs on real estate sales to foreigners.

Such sales involved about one billion francs, \$610 million, worth of property last year despite the franc's sharp appreciation against all other Western currencies.

A Justice Ministry statement outlined the new measures, which it said were designed to halt "an unpleasant development."

A quota system effective July 1 will limit the maximum number of purchase permits for foreign buyers in key tourist regions to roughly one half the 1977 totals.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said about 5,000 permits were granted in 1978, compared with 4,173 in 1977 and 3,600 in 1976.

Double victory near for Indira Congress

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's opposition party headed for expected victory Tuesday night in two parliamentary by-elections in South India.

One pro-Gandhi candidate Nandi Yelliah, was declared elected by All India Radio after taking a lead of more than 40,000 votes in the counting Sunday in the Siddipet District 600 kilometers east of Bombay.

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Indira Gandhi

the neighboring state of Karnataka, where Mrs. Gandhi herself won a November by-election.

But she was expelled from parliament and sent to prison for a week last month after the lower house voted to rule her in contempt of parliament for blocking a probe of her son Sanjay's auto firm.

2,300 still stranded in Manila Bay

10 refugees leave Tung An for France

MANILA, Jan. 9 (AP) — Ten Vietnamese boat people flew to new homes in France Tuesday, expressing joy for their freedom but more than 2,300 are still stranded aboard a foul-smelling cargo ship stranded in Manila Bay. (See related story, page 4).

"I left my country involuntarily, and I'm sad for that. But I am very happy now that I'm going to have my freedom," said Kim Chi as she and the nine others, including two women and a 3-year-old boy, waited to board an Air France jet.

Miss Chi was among the first people taken off the Hong Kong-based freighter Tung An Monday for resettlement.

A chicken farmer and his family are to leave Wednesday morning for New Zealand to join relatives in Christchurch.

The ship, turned away from Brunei two days before Christmas, sailed into Manila Bay four days later and has been anchored off here since. Philippine authorities have refused to



RESCUE: Malaysians help a Vietnamese woman to shore from her refugee ship. Off Manila, 10 refugees accepted by France have made it to a possibly more secure safety (AP photo).

let the boat people land, saying there was no room for them at a suburban refugee center.

French Ambassador Ranael Leonard Touze said France will take 50 more refugees from the Tung An within the next

few days.

The foreign ministry said Tuesday Britain and Hong Kong have agreed to resettle Tung An refugees "who are able to prove their claims to have close ties with Britain and Hong Kong."

Six governments have now formally responded to the appeals for help. Israel informed the ministry Monday it is ready to take 100 of the Tung An's passengers.

Bakhtiar, meanwhile, was quoted by the daily "Ettelaat" newspaper as saying that a 200-man sabotage band of Communists, who had illegally crossed the border from Afghanistan, had been rounded up following disturbances in uptown Tehran Monday night.

Bakhtiar said the group had intended to engage in arson and pillage. Heavy arms and explosives were found in searches of their apartments in Tehran, Bakhtiar said, adding:

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Czech lawyer pressured to drop Charter 77 case

VIENNA, Jan. 9 (UPI) — Czechoslovak authorities have forced the defense lawyer of a Charter 77 spokesman to withdraw from the case or risk expulsion from the Lawyers Association, dissidents said Tuesday.

Dr. Josef Danis, a Prague lawyer, was told he will be expelled from the Czechoslovak Lawyers Association if he should insist on defending Jaroslav Sabata in court, the dissidents said.

Sabata, one of the three spokesmen of the Charter 77 human rights movement, will stand trial on Thursday on charges of attacking a police guard near the Polish border on Oct. 1.

Anna Sabata, his daughter, told dissidents from Prague that the defense lawyer has informed her about the pressure exerted by the authorities and that he could not defend her father.

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Washington

Jam was considered by Bakhtiar and apparently by the Shah, as a suitable minister in a cabinet which the new premier wanted to be "untainted by association with the corrupt regimes of the past 25 years."

In another development, the Shah decreed Tuesday that all

personal property of the Iranian royal family be turned over to a crown-sponsored foundation and ordered the release of 266 prisoners convicted by military tribunals.

Iran's state radio said the property, estimated to be valued at hundreds of millions of dollars, was being transferred

to the Pahlavi Foundation "for the use of religious, educational, social and welfare organizations organized by the people and run by them."

Palace sources said the divested property included the Shah's vast domestic holdings in company stocks, banks, factories and land.

The national Pars News Agency said the 266 prisoners who had been detained in Tehran's central police department prison "for various offenses" had been pardoned by the Shah. Pars attributed the announcement to the Imperial Iranian Armed Forces tribunal.

The announcement also said the pardon of other prisoners was being studied. The government previously had said

there were about 200 persons in prison convicted of non-capital political offenses, but Tuesday's announcement did not specify whether the pardoned group comprised these political prisoners.

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tan to export to us red revolution and massacre."

While snow-covered Tehran was experiencing one of its quietest days in the last two months, there were reports of at least six deaths in anti-Shah violence in the provinces.

In Paris, the Shah's main religious opponent, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, said in an interview published Tuesday that there might be a military coup in Iran.

But the 78-year-old religious leader told the French newspaper "Le Monde" that his followers would resist any coup d'etat and fight until an Islamic government was installed in Tehran.

"Such a coup d'etat is possible. It would be the last obstacle the regime could

throw in the people's path, Khomeini said.

He told "Le Monde" that if his followers succeeded, he would nominate a committee to act as an interim government and organize elections to a national assembly.

Fighting

since South Yemen gained independence from Britain in 1967. Before then, he commanded a liberation group but lost to the marxists in a power struggle.

"The battles which are raging now on the soil of South Yemen mark a new phase in the confrontation against the Aden regime, now that the military nucleus of a Yemeni liberation army has been formed," the spokesman said.

The French pullout has raised fears that the rightists are

ed tank reinforcements into an area near a strategic hilltop village held by United Nations forces.

The commander of a 130-man French unit of U.N. troops stationed in the village of Yater, said 18 Sherman tanks supplied to the rightists by Israel had arrived about three weeks ago in the Debel area seven kilometers northeast of the Israeli border and the same distance southeast of Yater.

The French unit and about 550 other French troops in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) are expected to be pulled out next month and it is not clear who will replace them, U.N. officials said.

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planning a thrust against Yater during the troop changeover.

Unifil commander Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Bergine, meanwhile, said that six Lebanese army officers accompanied by two Lebanese soldiers arrived in southern Lebanon Monday to join Unifil units.

Peace

Egyptian Prime Minister Mur-tapba Khafiz told Vance that Egypt is prepared for further negotiations on a peace treaty. And that the U.S. is considering the next move.

Department spokesman Hossain said Egypt's letter was received Sunday "and we are reflecting on it."

He said he could not discuss the contents of the letter, but said "the Egyptian government is making the same point privately that it did publicly."

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